

Mom Guess What Newspaper

Two West Sac Lesbians were having their Thanksgiving dinner at a well-to-do restaurant downtown, when they heard this awful choking sound.

A few tables down, a woman was turning blue from wolfing down her dinner too fast. The first lesbian said to the other, "Think I ought to help?" "Definitely," said her friend.

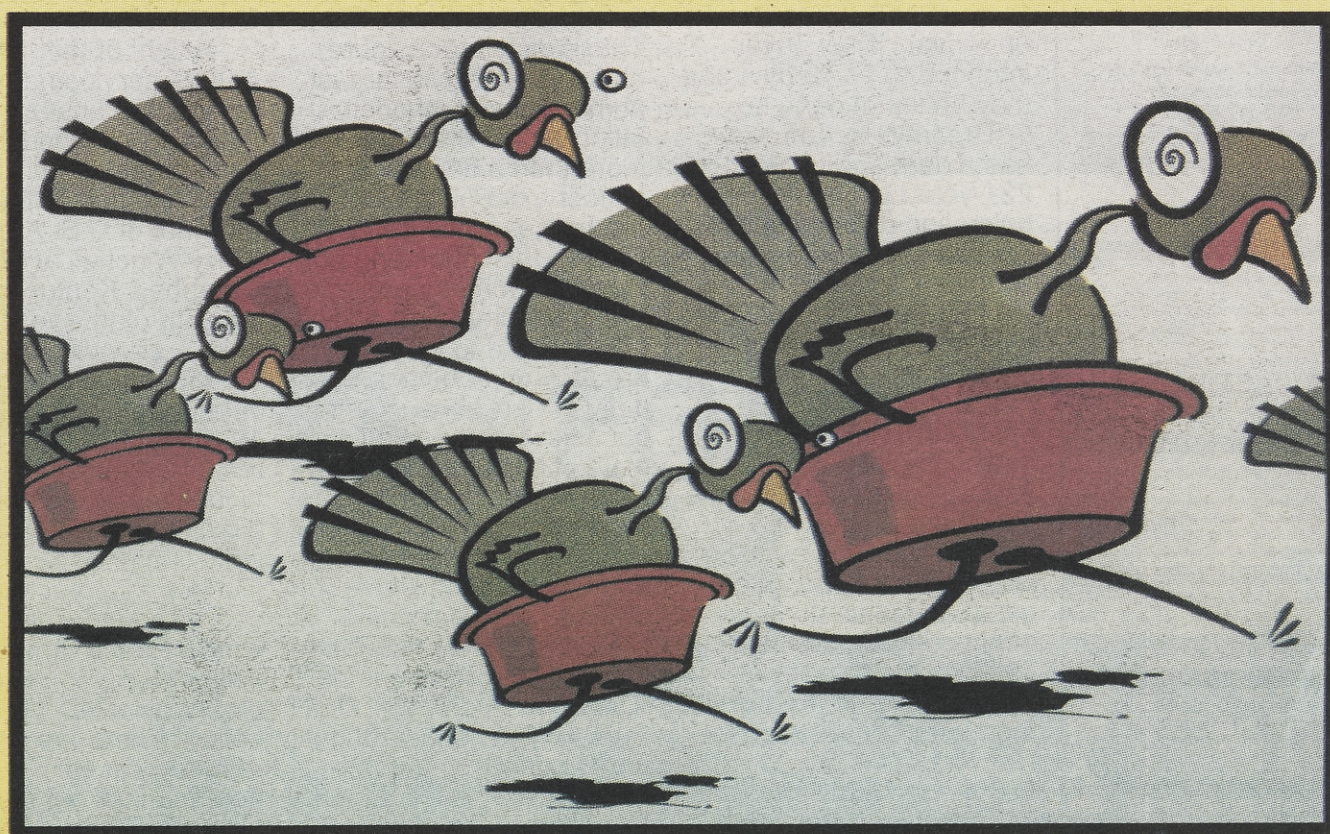
The first lesbian walked over to the woman and asked, "Can you breathe?"

The woman shook her

head no. "Can you talk?" the first lesbian asked.

Again, the woman shook her head no. With that, the first lesbian helped the woman to her feet, lifted up her skirt and licked her on the butt. The woman was so shocked, she coughed up the obstruction and began to breathe, with great relief.

The first lesbian turned to her friend and said, "Funny how that 'Hind Lick Maneuver' works every time."



We tried to drive to Hawaii...forgot there was water...
Happy Thanksgiving!!!

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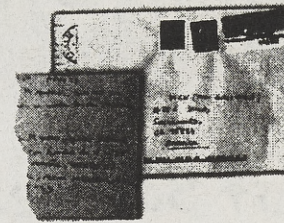
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"Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Is Dead

Dear Editor,

"DA/DT/DP" is dead. In fact the U.S. military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue" policy was dead on arrival. They never intended to abide by it and they have not done so.

The truth is, America has a dark and tragic 221-year history of prejudice and discrimination against her GLBT military service members. Today, we now hold the cruel distinction of being the only group within our great nation and society that is openly discriminated against by the United States Government via the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy which was codified into law by the U.S. Congress and placed into effect on February 28, 1994.

According to the Service members Legal Defense Network, a Washington, D.C. based legal advocacy organization which works on behalf of active-duty GLBT Servicemembers, the Pentagon discharged 997 servicemembers in 1997 at a cost of \$25 million and a record 1,145 GLBT servicemembers in 1998.

This represents a 92 percent increase in such discharges since the policy was implemented in 1994. These discharges figures also represent the largest number of sexual orientation-based discharges in more than a decade, and almost a doubling of discharges since 1994. Clearly, this inhumane policy-which forces people to live in constant fear and lie about who and what they are as human beings-does not work. No one is safe because Pentagon officials have consistently failed to issue specific guidelines to base commanders.

Indeed, the refusal and failure to the Pentagon brass to set clear guidelines and to evenhandedly enforce the provisions of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue" is evidence of their unwillingness to enforce the policy. The Pentagon has always asked and always pursued. The pursuers, even though they break the law and commit criminal fraud, are never prosecuted. This, of course, sends the clear message that criminality in the military, if directed

against minorities, is not only tolerated but is actually encouraged. Thus, no one is safe.

In light of the 4,000+ servicemembers discharged under the inhumane policy since its implementation in 1994-and due to the brutal murders of U.S. Army PFC Barry Winchell at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, on July 5th of this year and of U.S. Navy Seaman Allen Schindler in Sasebo, Japan, on October 27, 1992-the Pentagon's recent promises to issue guidelines and enforce the directives of the DA/DT/DP policy ring hollow and are too little and much too late!

Furthermore, all women in the armed forces are particularly vulnerable under the DA/DT/DP policy. There are many reported cases of heterosexual women who have been accused of being lesbians by immoral male superiors because they would not consent to their sexual advances.

Please write to Congress. Urge them to support Congressional action to repeal the "Don't Ask,

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Don't Tell, Don't Pursue policy and urge them to call upon the president to meet with interested groups who are seeking to end this inhumane policy.

Cliff Arnesen,

New England Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Veteran's Inc., and Cliff Anchor, Past Post Commander, Alexander Hamilton American Legion Post 448. ▼

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the publisher and all the very talented staff at MGW! The new format of MGW (11/1/99) is wonderful!

The Local page is very informative and will surely keep us all in the loop. Graphics are spectacular and the Calendar is terrific! Please keep up the good work and high standards! This is an excellent local GLBT paper!

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LOCAL NEWS

MGW May Not Change The World, But We Have Changed The Way You And Your Friends Look At It

By Linda Birner
Publisher

MGW Newspaper is entering its 21st Anniversary as we enter the 21st Century... The Millennium. And after 20 years of dedication, commitment, and journalistic integrity, were ready for another change. Clear, Bright, And Bold! When you read MGW Newspaper you see the news. Our new smaller page size makes MGW something you'll love to hold, and our graphic design puts every article and advertisement in its' best light. MGW continues to command attention!

When you read MGW you're reading the news - not personal bias- a refreshing step away from advocacy journalism. We're different because it's time for something different. MGW knows the difference between fact & editorial opinion; our editorializing stays in the editorials. MGW doesn't ghettoize the news. Gay/Straight, Male/Female - life is more than compartments and categories. MGW has bridged the gap between the mens' and womens' community.

MGW, carrying the printed world to thousands of people wields a great deal of influence and power. MGW also has the obligation to use integrity and fairness in publishing stories. In America, the First Amendment to the Bill of Rights guarantees Freedom of Press. That freedom is restricted only by ethics, the legal rights of the individual and the governments right for protection against sedition. Many of MGW ethics have developed through the years, as traditions are observed.

But this could not have been done without you, the reader. Your dedication, your commitment, your support through the years drives us to print the words for you! So what a better time to make some more major changes as we enter the Millennium. Under the direction of MGW's new General Manager Elizabeth (Liz) Fenimore, we have made some major changes. Liz comes to us bringing an extraordinary expanse of business, graphic design, and marketing expertise. With this issue she has: changed the size of the paper to a smaller format to make it easier for you to read; unveiled MGW's new Masthead; introduced new type styles for headlines and stories; new page formats; and planning our Christmas, MGW Anniversary, and the Millennium issues. Liz is also a talented writer, possibly, coming from her Great, Great Grandfather, James Fenimore Cooper!

It's our goal to continue to be the very best source of news, information, entertainment, and to share with you advertisers that support you! MGW is anxious to hear your ideas and suggestions on the new format, or any other subject you'd like to discuss. There is always room for change, discovery, and improvement. ▼

World AIDS Day Lecture At The Crocker Art Museum

"Participants and Observers: Artists' Responses to AIDS"

On December 1, in observance of World AIDS Day, the Crocker Art Museum will host "Participants & Observers: Artists' Responses to AIDS" with William MacGregor, Ph.D. This lecture will explore the community that has been formed in the midst of the AIDS crisis, and the representations made by artists who have been compelled to respond to it. MacGregor holds a Ph.D. in art history from the University of California, Berkeley. MacGregor was a Getty Fellow at the Getty Research Institute in San Francisco and the Saul P. Steinberg Collection in New York. The Crocker Art Museum is located at 216 O Street. Info: 264-5423. ▼

Open Book Egged On Halloween

On Halloween night, October 31, at 10:30 pm a group of 6 young white men entered the Open Book Store at 910 21st Street and threw eggs at two employees. Some of the eggs hit the walls and books; owner Larry Bailey reported some of the books were shrink wrapped, so they were not damaged too badly. The suspects left the store in a matter of seconds, jumping into a dark green minivan. One customer who happened to be an off duty police officer was in the Open Book back patio and heard the suspects jump into the van. The officer was unable to get a license number due to the rear gate being locked.

An employee of the Open Book dialed the Sacramento Police dispatch and reported the crime. **The Sacramento Police Department said they would have immediately responded with a unit if:**

1. The suspects were still in the store;
2. A license plate number was recorded;
3. If the suspects were known to the victims.

Michael Gorman was also in the store and he called the SPD, talking to Sgt. Kevin Gardner, who did come to the store. An argument followed with Gardner and Gorman over the def-

inition of a hate crime. Soon, Larry Bailey arrived and the argument escalated. Bailey was upset because the SPD would not write on the report that the incident was a hate crime. Bailey was also upset that the SPD did not respond sooner to the call. Gardner left and another officer arrived to take the complete report. SPD felt that they did everything by the book (laws).

(A note: Recently in Stockton a church was burned to the ground. Hate crimes were suspected, but the officers were not permitted by law to check the Hate Crime box on the report until after a full investigation was completed. After the investigation, they did classify it as a hate crime.)

Bailey contacted the new Sacramento City Complaint Monitor, Don Casimere and set up a Community Forum on Wednesday, December 1st. (World AIDS Day) at 7pm at the old Lambda Center, now WEAVE Works, located at 919 20th Street. Everyone is invited to help do some prob-



MGW Photo
Ron Grantz and Larry Bailey, owners of the Open Book Store.

Police, Gay & Lesbian Community Forum

(After the World AIDS Day Celebration at the Capitol)

Meet Sacramento's New City Complaint Monitor
Don Casimere

If you would like to learn more about the Sacramento Police Department. Please attend with your constructive comments and ideas.

December 1, 1999

Wednesday, 7pm

WEAVE Works

(The old Lambda Center)

The goal of the forum is to do problem solving for the community.

lem solving with the GLBT community and the Sacramento Police Department. **Topics open for discussion:**

1. How to facilitate better communication,
2. The Police would like to know what they can do to better serve the GLBT community,
3. Should the Hate Crime Bias Law be updated or even changed? Contact your legislator.
4. Is the Police Department in need of more officers?
5. What could the GLBT community do to work more effectively with the Sacramento police Department? ▼

A Reminder...

If you have an issue with the Sacramento Police Department, there is a group of SPD officers and civilians that volunteer to help facilitate better communications between the GLBT community and the Police Department. Some founded the Sacramento Police Advisory Committee.
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One Arrest Made, One More To Go

Authorities continue to search for a second suspect while friends and followers of a beloved minister give thanks for the tip that lead to the arrest of a 37 year old man. Sacramento Police arrested Frederick Clark late Friday in connection with the killing of Edward Sherriff, the popular associate pastor of Cathedral of Promise Metropolitan Community Church at Mather Field and director of the Oak Park Samaritan Center.

Sherriff, 68, known for his unflinching efforts to help the needy, was found dead in his home on October 20th. Since Sherriff's death, customers who came to the center, some in tears, ask about any progress on the case. ▼

Gays Urged To Renounce Homosexuality

Activists accused the Rev. Jerry Falwell of promoting violence such as the beating death of a gay Wyoming college student as he led conservative Christians in urging gays to renounce homosexuality.

"Christian bigots out of our city!" cried Josh Trenter, who was hauled away by police in San Francisco after allegedly tossing a blueberry pie during a "Come Out of Homosexuality" event. He and another member of a gay rights group were cited for battery and released.

Declaring that "God loves you and so do I," Falwell, who appeared via satellite, told the audience of about 60 that "just as people can come out of the

closet, so can people choose to come out against a sinful lifestyle."

The presentation was designed "to reach out to the homosexual community in a spirit of love," said Allen Wildmon, a spokesman for the American Family Association, a conservative Christian group that sponsored the event with Falwell, the former leader of the now-defunct Moral Majority.

"This is not to force anybody's views on anyone," said Wildmon, who timed the lecture to counter publicity from National Coming Out Day, an annual event celebrating gay life. "We all have a freedom of choice in America." ▼

Knight Initiative Takes Nose Dive

Support for the anti-gay Knight Initiative took a significant plunge according to a new poll by the Field Institute. The numbers do not bode well for the Knight Initiative. Support dropped to just 50 percent, and the history of ballot measures in California shows that any initiative with only 50 percent support more than four months out from election day will have a very difficult chance of passing.

A number of recent developments have helped shed light on the discriminatory nature of the initiative. The vast majority of Californians support basic civil rights for gays and lesbians. The anti-gay Knight Initiative would discriminate against committed same-sex couples, denying them such basic rights as hospital visitation, access to health insurance and inheritance.

In September, both Vice President Al Gore and Presidential Candidate Bill Bradley came out against the Knight Initiative, and earlier this month David Knight, the gay son of initiative Sponsor State Senator Pete Knight, also spoke out against the initiative. In an opinion-editorial in the Los Angeles Times, David revealed that his father rejected him after he told him that he was gay and that he has a life partner. In addition,

both Senators Feinstein and Boxer, as well as Republican Congressman Tom Campbell, have come out against the measure.

According to the Field Poll, support for the anti-gay measure slipped by seven percentage points since their last poll in September from 57 to 50. Those against the initiative increased by two percentage points from 39 to 41. In addition, those polled that

World AIDS Day March

On World AIDS Day, December 1, at 6:30pm, the Genard AIDS Foundation, Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts and the Walnut Creek Business Association are sponsoring a candlelight AIDS March in Walnut Creek at Liberty Bell Square on Mt. Diablo and end at the regional theatre where a brief ceremony will be held.

The purpose of the walk is to bring attention to the sense of apathy within the community about AIDS. Candles will be supplied as well as dessert and coffee afterwards. Info: 925-735-2437. ▼

Brother Admits Shooting Gays

One of two brothers charged with killing a gay couple in July has admitted shooting them in their bed.

In a jailhouse interview, Benjamin Matthew Williams insisted Thursday that his younger brother, James Tyler Williams, who also is charged in the killings, had nothing to do with the crime.

Williams told the newspaper that he killed the men because he believed their homosexuality violated God's laws. He said he hoped his violence would incite more killings.

"I'm not guilty of murder," said Williams, a 31-year-old landscaper. "I'm guilty of obeying a higher law. So many people claim to be Christians and complain about all these things their religion says are a sin, but they're not willing to do anything about it. They don't have the guts."

James Tyler Williams, 29, declined to be interviewed, but in July told the Redding Record Searchlight that he did not participate in the killing.

Both men have pleaded innocent in court.

The elder Williams' court-appointed attorney, Frank J. O'Connor, told the newspaper he wasn't surprised by his client's comments.

"It's not a whodunit," O'Connor said. He confirmed that his client is hoping to use a "religious defense" when the case goes to trial.

The brothers face charges of robbing and murdering Winfield Mowder, 40, and Gary Matson, 50, who were found dead July 1 in the rural Northern California community of Happy Valley. The victim's home had been burglarized and their car stolen.

Investigators have said that evidence found the brothers' homes also link them to first bombings which did nearly \$1 million damage to three Sacramento area synagogues on June 18, including hate literature, handwritten notes about synagogue members and news accounts of the fire bombings.

They have not been charged in those cases, which are under investigation by the FBI and a hate crimes force. ▼

Shepard's Parents Visit White House In Support Of Hate Crime Legislation

The parents of slain gay college student Matthew Shepard, express support for hate crimes legislation.

Dennis and Judy Shepard met with White House chief of staff, Clinton did not meet with the Shepard's, but in comments to reporters he expressed "personal appreciation" for their efforts to lobby congress and said: "We must pass strong hate crimes legislation."

Dennis Shepard said hate crimes legislation was "the one piece of unfinished business" from their son's death. The second man convicted in the crime, Aaron McKinney, 22, received a life sentence last week. Another 22-year-old, Russell Henderson, pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced to life.

The Shepard's were in Washington to lobby congress for passage of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act. "We need to do this for Matthew, for everybody else, to keep this from happening again," Shepard said.

At a Capitol Hill news conference, the Shepard's joined Republican lawmakers in urging passage of federal hate crime's legislation. "The time for healing has begun, but there is one piece of unfinished business," said Shepard. ▼

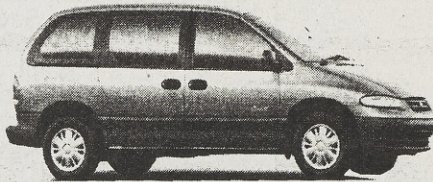
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UNDER THE DOME

CAPE Hires Kay Ostberg As Its Founding Executive Director

Kay Ostberg joined the California Alliance for Pride and Equality (CAPE) as the founding Executive Director. Ostberg comes to CAPE with more than 15 years experience in the GLBT community. She led major initiatives for four years with the L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center as the Deputy Executive Director. Ostberg also served as the Co-Chair of the 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, responsible for opening and managing the national office.

"We are very happy to have found someone with Kay's long commitment to the GLBT community and her achievements as a senior administrator with successful nonprofit organizations," said Rob Henning, Co-Chair of CAPE's

Board of Directors, a Political Science lecturer at UCLA and President of the Lesbian and Gay Rights Chapter of the ACLU of Southern California.



Kay Ostberg

"There are many challenges and opportunities for our basic civil rights that are being decided in Sacramento," adds challenges and opportunities for our basic civil rights that are being decided in Sacramento," adds Esther Lee, Board Co-Chair of CAPE.

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George W. Bush Chasing His Tale

The National Stonewall Democratic Federation (NSDF) was not at all surprised that Presidential candidate George W. "Read My Mind" Bush, has completely reversed his April statement claiming he was opposed to discrimination and would hire a gay or lesbian person if they were qualified for the job. According to conservative columnist Cal Thomas, in a recent interview with the members of the Madison Project, group of conservative leaders. Bush recanted his earlier position and stated, "I would not 'knowingly' appoint a gay person to my administration."

"This pathetic flip-flop on basic human rights is just another example of why Bush-speak cannot be trusted," says NSDF Director Keith Morrison. "This guy will say anything to get elected—that's why his record and policies speak much louder than his words." As part of its "Read My Mind" voter education project, NSDF is researching and documenting the incredible discrepancies between Bush's talk and his actions. ▼

New MCC Reverend Appointed

Reverend Charles M. Cooper was appointed as director of the Samaritan Center, a humanitarian outreach of Cathedral of Promise, Metropolitan Community Church. He was appointed by reverend elder, Doctor Freda Smith, Senior Pastor; and approved by the Cathedral of Promise Board of Directors to succeed Reverend Ed Sherriff.

Reverend Cooper graduated from the Love All People Academy in Las Vegas, Nevada, as valedictorian of his class and continued his education in theology, earning his ordination in 1987 from Echos of Faith bible college. He is pursuing his credentialing to the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, having joined Cathedral of Promise in 1997.

Following his graduation from the academy, he served as Assistant Director in charge of Administration, with Love All People Ministries and as a Love All People group-home director and counselor from 1987 to 1994. Love All People was a ministerial program providing educational opportunities to gang members and high school drop-outs, allowing students to earn their high school diplomas; assisting students with job placements in the community; and providing drug and alcohol recovery and counseling.

Reverend Cooper has served as a volunteer at Samaritan Center under Reverend Sherriff from 1997 to 1999. He is currently completing the first year of a two year elected term on the Board of Directors, assigned to Outreach and Evangelism, and is the Assistant Director of Celebration Arts for the Cathedral of Promise.

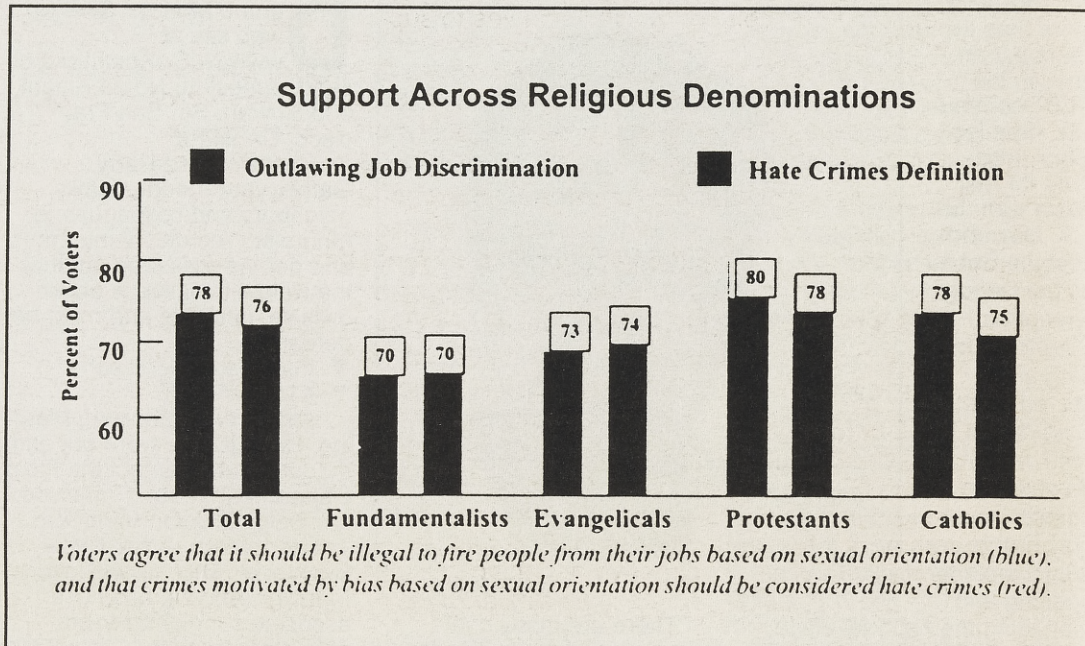
Bipartisan Majority Of Voters Open To Gay Candidates

A strong bipartisan majority of American voters—including majorities of fundamentalist Christians and Republican primary voters—would consider voting for a

character," said Victory Foundation Executive Director Brian K. Bond. "We are hopeful about what this pioneering new research means for gay and lesbian Americans looking

religious denominations. In addition, 67 percent of voters would consider supporting a gay or lesbian presidential hopeful.

Among the other findings,



gay or lesbian candidate for state legislature or Congress, according to the findings of a national research project released earlier this year by the Gay and Lesbian Victory Foundation.

"Voters of all stripes are clearly telling us that what matters to them is not their candidates' sexual orientation, but that their candidates have the right positions on the issues, strong political values and a refreshingly honest


to enter public life."

The research found that 77 percent of voters—including 65 percent of Republicans, 85 percent of Democrats and 81 percent of independents—would consider supporting a gay candidate for state legislature or Congress based on the candidate's stands on the issues.

Particularly noteworthy, the study also revealed that openness to gay candidates is strong across a broad range of

the poll revealed that 56 percent of voters approve of gay candidates honestly acknowledging their sexual orientation.


"Voters value honesty, and they understand that good openly gay candidates are demonstrating that important political value," added Bond. "The study shows that gay and lesbian candidates who focus squarely on the issues are viable and can enjoy strong support across a very broad range of the American electorate." ▼




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Open Letter To The Community

By Assemblywoman Sheila James Kuehl

Not too long ago, Kathy Levinson, the President and Chief Operating Officer of E*TRADE, and her partner Jennifer Levinson took a bold and visionary step; they put their money where their family is and gave \$300,000 to defeat the Knight Initiative. The Knight Initiative is a hostile and mean spirited attack against GLBT Californians and their families.

The Knight Initiative, sponsored by right-wing California State Senator Pete Knight, appears on the surface to be about same-sex marriage. However, the Knight Initiative is really about an attempt to pit Californians against each other by targeting the GLBT families. The Knight Initiative is about government intrusion into the private lives of its citizenry. It's about divisiveness. It's about discrimination.

Kathy and Jennifer Levinson's gift was one of the largest individual donations to a state ballot initiative campaign and helps put the No On Knight campaign on a current financial par with the Knight campaign. It can and will serve as a catalyst for contributions from other business leaders. We can spur those

contributions by letting the business community know that we will support and remember those who support us. That's why I'm encouraging you to say "No on Knight" and yes to supporting E*TRADE by opening an account there.

The Levinsons understand that, if passed, the Knight Initiative will be characterized as a reason to deny same-sex couples such basic and fundamental rights as hospital visitation, inheritance, joint child custody, adoption, foster parenting, and more. The Knight Initiative is intended to lay a foundation for undermining the fair treatment of gay and lesbian individuals and their families in a whole host of other arenas. In fact, it's already happening in states where laws similar to the Knight Initiative have been enacted.

Not only am I supporting the Levinsons, I'm also following their example and contributing what I can to the campaign to defeat the Knight Initiative. True, not too many of us have \$300,000 dollars to give away. But like Kathy and Jennifer Levinson, all of us have the ability to give and to make a differ-

ence in the name of families and fairness. All of us can say "No on Knight" by giving \$300, or \$30, or \$3. All of us can say "No on Knight" by soliciting donations to the campaign. All of us can say "No On Knight" by registering to vote and voting no on march 7th.

All of us can say "No On Knight" by talking to ten other voters about why defeating the Knight Initiative is critical not just for gay and lesbian people, but for all scapegoating, intrusiveness, and divisiveness and YES to the value of families, fairness and inclusion.

The Sacramento NO ON KNIGHT Center has been set up at 414 12th street, between D & E. Open 7 days a week during and beyond normal business hours. You will find more information about the fight against the Knight Initiative and hate crime info.

There's plenty of resources for you to explore. Info: 447-3205, 819-3493

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New Project Introduced For Lesbians With Cancer

After a nationwide search, The Mary-Helen Mautner Project for Lesbians with Cancer announced the selection of lesbian activist Kathleen DeBold as the Project's new executive director. The Mautner Project relies on more than 250 volunteers. In addition to providing services to lesbians with cancer, their families and caregivers, the Project provides information and counseling; educates the healthcare community about the special concerns of lesbian families; and is a advocate for lesbian health issues locally and nationally. For more information call: 202-332-5536.

Being Gay Is Not For Sissies

A Michigan coalition of gay-rights organizations including the Triangle Foundation, Out-n-About and the Queer Metro Collegiate Coalition bought a half-page color advertisement entitled "BEING GAY IS NOT FOR SISSIES!" in the October 28, 1999 edition of The Lantern, Grand Valley State University's student run newspaper, in response to an event held a week earlier that was critical of gays and women.

On October 11, a GLBT student organization hosted a full day of events on campus celebrating "National Coming Out Day." In response to the unprecedented visibility and coverage of the event, a coalition of "Christian" student groups opened an advertisement announcing an event entitled "Real Men" which was expected to be a response to National Coming Out Day. ▼

Lesbian Couple In Brazil Seeks Redress For Police Brutality

Although three years have passed since the Pernambuco police arrested Rosana Lage Ligerio and Marli Jose da Silva Barbosa, subjecting them to physical and psychological torture while in custody, the lesbian couple continues to battle the Brazilian judicial system in a case that is currently pending in the Supreme Court.

Lage Ligerio and Barbosa ask for the support of the international human rights community in writing letters to the following authorities. In particular they ask for a strong appeal to the Ministry of Justice urging it to:

▼ Carry out a thorough investigation into Lage Ligerio and Barbosa's case and into the reported violations of due legal process such that enable the Supreme Court to adequately review the case and grant the women a fair and expeditious hearing.

▼ Fully and impartially investigate the torture and violence used by the police officers of Jaboatao dos Guararapes against Lage Ligerio and Barbosa while held in detention.

▼ Take legal action against those officers responsible for the acts of brutality to which Lage Ligerio and Barbosa were subjected as a consequence of their gender and sexual identity. ▼

Election Day Roundup

The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund announced five openly lesbian or gay candidates who won elections last week with the Victory Fund's support.

Among the most prominent was the election of New York State's first openly lesbian or gay mayor, Dan Stewart (R) in Plattsburgh. A former Air Force sergeant and truck driver, Stewart earned Governor Pataki's endorsement and narrowly defeated the incumbent mayor despite the majority of Democrats in Plattsburgh.

The other candidates highlighted by the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund were: Seth Chafetz, elected to the Birmingham (Mich.) City Commission; Al Oertwig, elected to the St. Paul (Minn.) Board of Education; Jon Cooper (Dem.) to the Suffolk County Legislature in New York; and Annice Parker, elected to the Hous-

ton City Council. In addition, openly gay, African-American Larry Bagneris (D) was in an eight-way race for a single seat in the Louisiana State House of Representatives, and because of his strong showing, will be one of two candidates in a special runoff election to be held Nov. 20.

In the press release issued, the Victory Fund also decried a number of incidents of "gay-baiting," involving the distribution of anti-gay fliers targeting lesbian and gay candidates in races including those of Oerwig, Cooper, and Bagneris. In another election not involving the Victory Fund, openly lesbian City Council President Mary Clare Higgins was elected mayor of Northampton, Mass., by an overwhelming majority of 66.3% to 30% of the vote. For more information, contact Sloan Wiesen at (202) 842-8679 ext. 310. ▼

Words To Live By

Those of us whom God keeps will not worry about the confusion that's happening now because we will be immersed in grace, full of love for one another, and overflowing with compassion. Those of us whom God doesn't keep will not worry about the confusion that's happening right now because we will be engrossed with self-concern and utter depravity.

Someday or something other than a day as we know it, it will become evident that committed, self-less love between persons of the same gender is moral, wholesome, and God-like.

Until God decides who he wants to keep and who he wants to let go, it falls on us to be concerned about the confusion that's happening right now.

We obviously are on a slippery slope, no matter which side of the argument we put ourselves.

I, for one, would rather err on the side of compassion than on judgement.

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Mongolian Group Forms

The first gay group in the Central Asian Republic of Mongolia was set up in the Spring of 99 because of "police harassment and civil rights abuses by the courts", according to the Gay Times of London. The group recently participated in the Run/Walk for AIDS in the Mongolian capital. It also organizes Sunday basketball and volleyball games. ▼

Gay Retirement Home To Be Started in Kuala Lumpur

The Malaysian gay and lesbian activist group, GLSG, plans to start a retirement home for lesbians and gay men. The Gay and Lesbian Support Group (GLSG) already has a "collective house", where gays and lesbians can share amenities and help each other.

The retirement home will be a big step forward for GLSC and will serve as an exciting example for gay group worldwide. ▼

Muslim And Gay?

Al-Fatiha is the name of the new U.S. based international organization dedicated to addressing the concerns of lesbian and gay Muslims around the world. In most Islamic countries, homosexuality and transgendered behavior is a crime, punishable by imprisonment, flogging, and even death.

Al-Fatiha is establishing chapters across the U.S. and abroad to support GLBT Muslims on a local level. ▼

Catalonia Approves Same-Sex Marriage Law

The Parliament of Catalonia, the autonomous Spanish region of which Barcelona is the capital, voted June 30th to extend all the couples except the right to adopt children. It is the first Catholic region to do so. ▼

Brazils High Court Rules Gays Have Right To Inherit

Brazil's Supreme Court has unanimously ruled that a surviving partner of his gay lover does have the right to inherit the deceased man's property.

The two gay men has purchased an apartment together and the deceased man's father claimed ownership of the dwelling after his son's death.

The court said "their sexual behavior may go against moral standards for some people, but the civil union between them is legitimate." ▼

Chinese Gay And Lesbian Conference

"Silk Road" of Washington, D.C. reports that the 1999 Chinese Tongzhi Conference was held in Hong Kong.

Two hundred delegates from 17 nations gathered to discuss and celebrate lesbian and gay life and concerns for Chinese people worldwide. The word "tongzhi" is inclusive of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, & transgendered people. ▼

Gay Seniors Housing In Toronto

A couple of empty buildings on Jarvis street in Totonto, Canada were sold by the city to the Dwang Chull Development Corporation, a company which plans to turn the properties into a gay and lesbian seniors complex. The Toronto City Council chose the lesbian and gay seniors project over three other bids. ▼

Queer Myth # 23: We just haven't met the right man / woman.

Spanish Mayor Marries Gay Couple

The mayor of Calvia in Spain's Balaeric Islands performed a wedding for two men at a local town hall. The marriage of Julian Diaz, 35, and Rodolfo Olocco, 45, was recorded in the town's civil registry. Mayor Margarita Najera said she was happy to be a pioneer in the battle for gay equality. ▼

Namibian Court Rules Gays Equal to Heterosexuals

The homophobic Namibian government was dealt a blow when the Supreme Court ruled that homosexuals have the same rights as heterosexuals. The case involved two lesbians in a long-term relationship who are raising a son and had sought permanent residence for the non-Namibian partner. ▼

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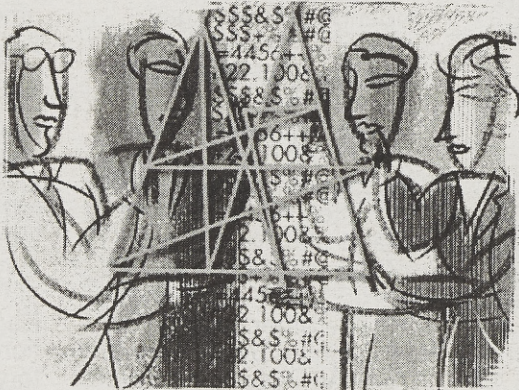
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Rabbi Association Opposes Knight Initiative

The Pacific Association of Reform Rabbis (PARR), the largest rabbinic organization representing the western states, announced its opposition to the Knight Initiative. In keeping with the Reform Jewish movement's long history of supporting civil rights, the association unanimously passed a passionately worded resolution against the anti-gay measure, declaring that PARR "wholeheartedly opposes the Knight Initiative, and calls upon its members to educate their congregations and communities about this issue."

Rabbi Denise L. Eger of Congregation Kol Ami and No on Knight board member added:

"The largest consortium of rabbis of the West Coast stands firmly against the Knight Initiative. By unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, we rabbis recog-

nize that the Knight Initiative is hateful, hurtful, and divisive. Our tradition teaches us that all people were created in the image of God — gay and lesbian people too."

"We are honored that the Pacific Association of Reform Rabbis has taken such a firm position against this unfair, divisive and intrusive measure," said Mike Marshall, campaign manager for NO on Knight, the campaign to defeat Knight Initiative. "This kind of leadership will encourage other religious organizations to join together to stop this mean-spirited attack on gays and lesbians and their families."

The Rabbinic association joins a distinguished and rapidly growing list of those opposed to the measure including Vice President Al Gore, presidential candidate Bill Bradley, Republican Congressman Tom Campbell, and the Interfaith Alliance. ▼

Canada Census To Include Gays

For the first time, Canada's census will ask people about their sexual orientation. The census, relied upon to describe the makeup of the nation, has never before asked gay and lesbian couples to identify themselves. But in the next national head-count, set for 2001, respondents will be given the opportunity to identify themselves as part of a same sex couple.

"We had a lot of people telling us they wanted information on this," says Pierre turcotte, Canada's Chief of Housing, Family and Social Statistics.

The Federal Justice and Finance Departments, the Provinces, academic researchers and insurance companies are among those who are interested in tracking this aspect of Canadian demographics.

"It's so self-evidently appropriate to collect it," says David Rayside, a University of Toronto professor of political science who is outspoken on gay issues. "The census is supposed to portray social and demographic reality."

Mariana Valverde, a University of Toronto professor of criminology with expertise in gay rights, says there is still concern that some people will be hesitant to report such information. Currently, she says, when companies offer benefits to same-sex partners, many employees are still reluctant to make claims. But Valverde says she believes people will probably have a higher level of trust in the confidentiality of Statistics Canada because "it's a trusted agency."

Statistics Canada is in the process of adding, removing and modifying questions for the census, which is conducted every five years. The exact wording of the new question has not been announced, but 3 possible versions have been tested.

The first option would be to use the "Other" box, but with "same-sex partner" as one of examples. The second option would be to make "same-sex partner" as one of the listed choices in the question. The third version would have respondents report themselves as common-law couples. In the last case, common-law is defined as "two people who live together as a couple but who are not legally married to each other."

This past week, the Ontario government reluctantly passed legislation that gives same-sex couples the same rights and responsibilities as other common-law couples in the province. ▼

Indigo Girls Lend Their Voice To Fight Knight

The Grammy Award-winning duo the Indigo Girls came out against the anti-gay Knight Initiative. At shows in Pasadena, Los Angeles, Berkeley,

and Eureka, Amy Ray and Emily Saliers of the Indigo Girls lent their names and voices to the No on Knight campaign. The Indigo Girls

Sponsored on Knight Information tables at their shows, and Saliers and Ray spoke out against the measure from the stage. ▼

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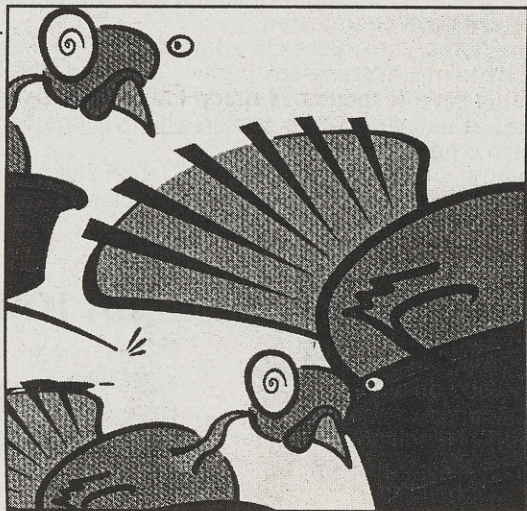
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Let's Talk Turkey

The "true, original native" fowl that Benjamin Franklin proposed as the official United States bird (he thought it more respectable than the bald eagle) had been roaming the Americas for two million years before the 16th century Spanish conquistadors discovered a domesticated version in Mexico. The conquistadors introduced it to Europe, where it soon became immensely popular.

Brillat-Savarin described it as "one of the finest gifts given to the Old World by the New." The English dubbed the newcomer turkey, apparently confusing it with the peacock, then popularly called turkey. (The peacock originated in India, arrived in Europe via Asia Minor, which at the time was known as Turkey.)



Bulging with chestnut, sausage, corn bread or oyster stuffing and accompanied by cranberry sauce, the roast bird crowns the Thanksgiving table, a continuing reminder of the four wild turkeys served at the pilgrims' harvest feast in 1621. In England, the turkey, served with current jelly and bread sauce, is a symbol of Christmas joy.

The greatest selection of turkeys is available at holiday time, and if you want to prepare a fresh turkey, Thanksgiving is the time to do it. Fresh turkey is much more succulent than frozen, but you must order one from your butcher in advance. Now-a-days, small fryer-roaster turkeys weighing 5 to 9 pounds are available, as are turkey pieces. The traditional bird for the holiday gathering, however, is a large hen or tom ranging in weight from 12 to 25 pounds and in age from 5 to 7 months.

Wild turkeys are also wonderful. Their flesh is firm and dense and their aroma is intriguing. They are smaller than most domesticated turkeys - usually 6 - 10 pounds, adequate for 6 to 8 people. Your butcher may be able to track one down for you, given enough time.

A fresh turkey should be free of bruises, and the cavity should have a clean, fresh smell. Rinse well inside and out and then pat

dry. Use some lemon juice to refresh the inside. The important things to remember about the festive turkey are not to overcook it - this is far too frequently done - and to baste it often to prevent dryness.

Thaw a frozen turkey in its original wrapper on a tray in the refrigerator. Be sure to allow the bird enough time to thaw com-

pletely; a 12 pound bird will need about 2 days, a 24 pound bird will need 3-4 days.

This recipe for an American-style turkey is based on the traditional, but here, instead of the usual slow cooking methods, I quick roast the turkey at a high temperature. This technique not only cuts down on the cooking time, but also helps to keep the turkey moist.

By roasting the turkey this way, you are able to cook a 16 pound turkey in only 3 hours. (Another time saving device I discovered is stuffing the bird while the dressing is still hot.) This high-temperature method does involve a bit more watching and basting than the slow-cooking, low temperature method, but the trade off is shorter cooking time and a juicy turkey.

Stuffing a Thanksgiving turkey with homemade cornbread is a popular bit of Americana, but this stuffing can become a little too heavy. By adding the zest and juice from a few lemons, the stuffing and the whole bird take on a unusually light and refreshing flavor. Turkeys are ideal for stuffing but never stuff the bird until you are ready to roast it. (Stuffing is the perfect moist environment for bacteria.)

Be sure not to pack a turkey too tightly with stuffing; leave room for the stuffing to expand.

Roast Turkey With Lemon-Cornbread Stuffing

- 1 Turkey (16 pounds) thawed, if frozen
- 6 cups lemon-cornbread stuffing (see recipe at right) -or use your favorite stuffing recipe.
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 large onion, sliced
- 2 carrots, sliced
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 sprig of parsley
- 2 garlic cloves, sliced
- 5 or 6 peppercorns, cracked
- 1/4 cup all purpose flour
- 3/4 cup dry white wine, chicken broth or water
- Salt and freshly ground pepper

1. Preheat the oven to 475 degrees. Remove the neck and giblets from the turkey and reserve them. Rinse the turkey inside and out under cold water and pat dry.
2. Place the turkey breast side down. Loosely fill the neck with one cup of the hot stuffing. Pull the neck skin over the cavity to seal it and fasten the back of the turkey with skewers or wooden picks. Turn the turkey breast side up and fold the wings under the turkey.
3. Lightly pack the remaining 5 cups of stuffing into the main cavity. Tie the drumsticks together with kitchen string or, if your turkey has a metal clamp, arrange the drumsticks so that the clamp will hold them in place. Rub the turkey with the oil.
4. Place the turkey, breast side up, on a rack in a roasting pan and roast in the lower third of the oven for 45 minutes. The initial 45 minutes will begin to brown the turkey very quickly, so be sure your oven temperature is not higher than 475 degrees.
5. Meanwhile, make the stock for the gravy (let it simmer while the turkey roasts): Place the reserved neck and giblets in a medium saucepan. Add the onions, carrots, bay leaves, parsley, garlic, peppercorns and 2 quarts of water. Bring to a boil and reduce the heat to low. If the liquid reduces to less than 2 cups at any time, add additional water. Just before the turkey is done, strain the stock and discard the solids; you should have 2 cups of liquid.
6. Lower the temperature of the oven to 400 degrees and loosely cover the turkey with an aluminum foil tent. Continue to roast, basting with the pan juices every 30 minutes or so, for about 2 1/4 hours, or until the internal temperature of the breast registers 160 degrees and the thigh meat 170 degrees. (The juices will run clear when pierced with a fork.)
7. Remove the turkey from the oven and lift it on the rack from the roasting pan; allow it to rest for 20 minutes before carving. Meanwhile, prepare the gravy: Pour the drippings from the roasting pan into the measuring cup and let the fat rise to the top. Spoon off most of the fat but keep 1 cup of drippings. Pour these drippings back into the roasting pan and add the flour. Place the pan over 2 burners adjusted to moderate heat and cook, stirring constantly, until the mixture is bubbling, about 3 minutes. Add the wine and cook, stirring constantly, until the gravy thickens and boils, about 2 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

See Lemon Cornbread Stuffing, next page

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Lemon-Cornbread Stuffing

Be sure to make the cornbread for this recipe a day ahead so it can dry overnight.

1 1/2 cups yellow cornmeal
1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
3 eggs
1 1/4 cup milk
1 tablespoon honey or sugar
4 tablespoons melted butter

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly grease a 13 x 9 inch baking pan.
2. In a large bowl, sift together the cornmeal, flour, baking powder and salt. In another bowl, beat the eggs with the milk and honey. Add the egg mixture to the dry ingredients and mix thoroughly. Stir in the melted butter and pour the batter evenly into the prepared pan. Bake for 15 to 18 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.
3. Cut the cornbread into rectangles about 3 x 4 inches

1/4 cup olive oil
2 cups finely chopped onions
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1 tablespoon grated lemon zest
1 tablespoon salt
4 eggs

1/2 cup (one stick) butter
1 1/2 cups chopped celery
1 cup minced parsley leaves
1/2 cup fresh lemon juice (from 3 or 4 lemons)
1 teaspoon pepper
1/2 cup chicken or turkey stock

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cut the cornbread into 1/4 inch croutons; you should have about 7 cups. Place the croutons on a baking sheet and bake for 35 to 40 minutes; until dry, golden brown and crisp.
2. In a large heavy skillet, heat the olive oil and butter over moderate heat until the butter melts. Add the onion and celery and saute about 10 minutes, until the onion is softened and translucent. Add the garlic and croutons and cook, stirring, for 2-3 minutes, until they are heated through. Remove the skillet from the heat and stir in the parsley, lemon zest, lemon juice, salt and pepper.
3. In a medium bowl, whisk the eggs with the stock until blended. Stir the egg mixture into the stuffing and mix well.

Cranberry Sauce, Brussel Sprouts and Glazed Carrots with Pearl Onions would make good side dishes.

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Holiday Films - Hits Or Turkeys

By Gerald Semas
MGW Staff

FILM -

The annual barrage of holiday film releases is just around the corner and we'll soon discover the hits and the turkeys. It's Arnold Schwarzenegger versus Satan in the new movie *End of Days*. The November 24th release has The Arnold combating the Prince of Darkness, no not Jerry Falwell, for the salvation of man & woman kind. Gabriel Byrne plays the horned one, sans the horns and is said to be quite good in his role. I'm just glad the part wasn't given to James Woods. *** Robert De Niro is NOT a mobsters! At least for a refreshing change in his latest movie, *Flawless*. This time the former *Taxi Driver* plays homophobic security guard who has stroke and loses his voice. Part of his recovery therapy includes receiving singing lessons from his flamboyant neighbor, Phillip S. Hoffman (*Boogie Nights*) who also a pre-op transgenderist. Now *Analyze That!* The film is written and directed by Gay director Joel Schumacher (*Batman Forever*). Other cast members include Barry Miller (*Fame*) and Rory Cochrane (*Dazed and Confused*).

The new Civil War era film *Ride With The Devil* features some of the best looking young actors in film today. Under the direction of Ang Lee (*Sense and Sensibilities*), the cast includes Skeet Ulrich (*As Good As It Gets*) looking more Johnny Depp in each new film, Tobey Maguire (*Joyride*), Jeffrey Wright (*Basquiat* as Jean Michel Basquiat), Jonathan Rhys-Meyers (*Velvet Goldmine*), Tom Wilkinson (*Wilde*), Jonathan Brandis (*Seaquest DSV*), Matthew Faber (*Stonewall*) and Jewel. *** Jodie Foster in a dress isn't the only worthwhile reason to see the new film *Anna and the King*. This non-musical version of the story that begat *The King and I* has Foster playing a British governess who goes to Siam to tutor the children of the king. Chow Yan Fat plays the king, with hair, in the sprawling return to Hollywood epics. ***

The Peace on Earth, Goodwill To Men theme is shot when the slasher film *Scream 3* hits theatres Dec. 10th. Continuing the flimsy story begun three years ago this is bound to be the last as writer director Kevin Williamson (*Dawson's Creek*) is seeing his career plummet.

His film *Teaching Mrs. Tingle* bombed over the summer and his latest TV series *Wasteland* is just that in the ratings game. This third chapter in the *Scream* saga has a satirical look at Hollywood movie making and of course the humor and scares which made the series famous. Frankly, I found it over-rated but if you find it a fun holiday activity, go for it.

*** Madonna is heading for greater legitimizing of her acting career. For her next film role, the material girl has chosen the film version of Noel Coward's *Quadriga*. This coproduction between Vanguard Films and the U.K.'s Skyline Films will have Madonna using a British accent. She will play an outraged wife of a philandering English aristocrat, who elopes to the south of France with the young wife of an American industrialist. The picture will begin production next April in England and France.

Attention, Lord of the Rings fans. Casting has taken place for the eagerly anticipated live-action film version of J.R.R. Tolkien's cherished fantasy classic *The Lord of the Rings*. New Line Cinema is behind the production currently filming in Australia. Joining the cast are, Australian actress Cate Blanchett (*Elizabeth*) as Lady Galadriel, high elf ruler of the enchanted woodland realm of Lothlorien, John Rhys-Davies (*Sliders*) as Gimli the dwarf, Elijah Wood (*Deep Impact*) as Frodo, Sean Astin as Frodo's servant Samwise, Sean Bean (*Patriot Games*) as Boromir the Captain of Gondor, Sir Ian McKellen (*Gods & Monsters*) as the wizard Gandalf the Grey, Sir Ian Holm, as the hobbit Bilbo Baggins, Liv Tyler, as the elven lady Arwen, Christopher Lee, as the rogue wizard Saruman the White and Brad Dourif (*Dune*) will play Grima Wormtongue. Other roles are still to be cast for this blockbuster expected in theatres

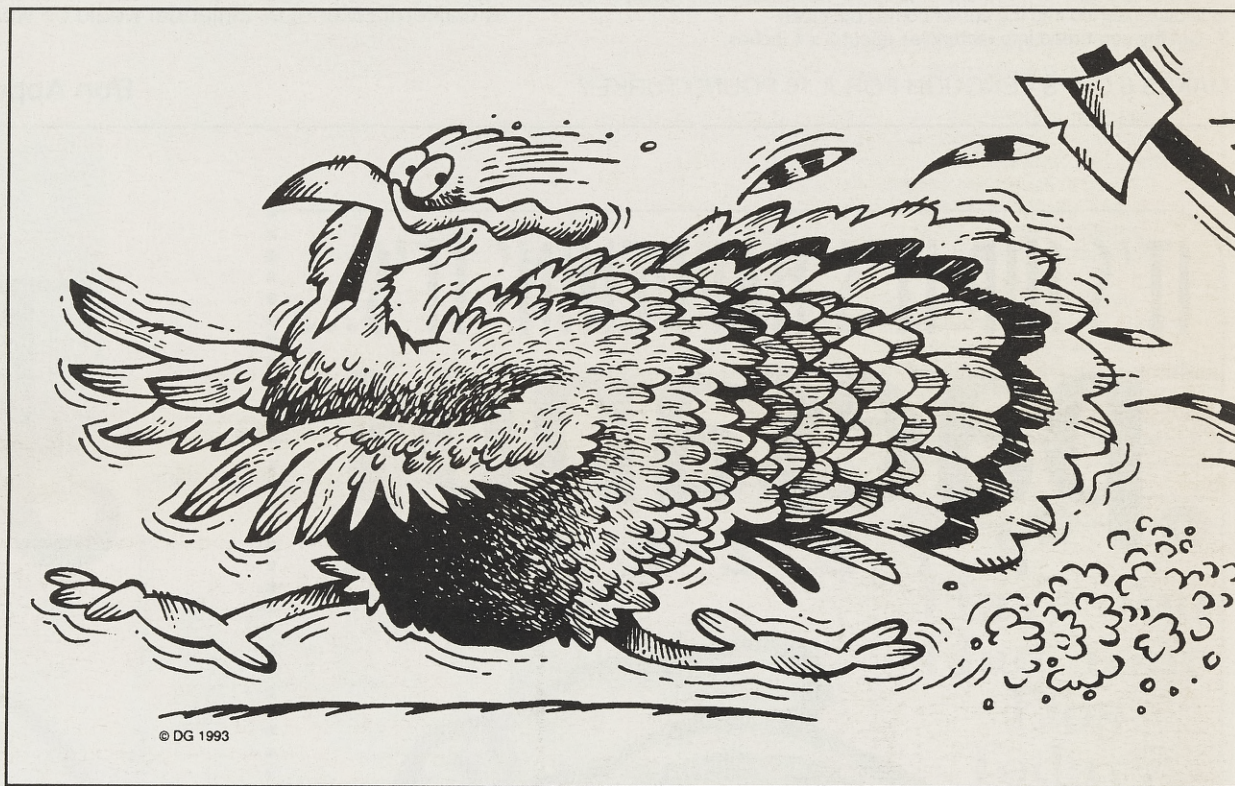
around December 2001. You can find updated production details at the film's website - www.lordoftherings.net.

TELEVISION -

The cable network Showtime brings *The Opposite of Sex* to TV on Nov. 20. Christina Ricci, looking quite Zofitig in a bikini, somehow seduces Ivan Sergei, her brothers Gay lover and gets pregnant.

Productions, the off-channel production unit of MTV: Music Television, to produce the series. This real-life drama will go behind the scenes with pop impresario Pearlman, to catch all aspects of the development of the next big music phenomenon. Does this mean casting couch sessions too? We will witness a cross-country talent search, which will

dropped the effeminate wrestlers Lenny and Lodi. In a letter sent to Turner Network Television president Brad Siegel, GLAAD's Scott Seomen wrote: "The character of Lenny is presented with the intention to incite the crowd to the most base homophobic behavior." In an interview with *The Post*, Seomen added, "The crowd is incited to



Martin Donovan (*Wild Reeds*), Lyle Lovett and Lisa Kudrow (*Friends*) co-star. Another Showtime offering is the Nov. 28th world premiere of *Execution of Justice*, a re-telling of the Harvey Milk and George Moscone murders by former SF Supervisor Dan White. Tim Daly (*As Good As It Gets*) plays Twinkee impacted White, Peter Coyote is Gay Supervisor Harvey Milk and Stephen Young portrays SF Mayor Moscone. Tim Daly recently signed with CBS to develop project for the actor which could include a new series or cast him in another project.

ABC is hoping to copy MTV's success record with their series *The Real World* and has given the ok for a new untitled reality series. The show will be a true-life look at the making of a culturally diverse male band. Trans Continental Records' Lou Pearlman, who discovered the "Backstreet Boys" and "NSYNC," will work with MTV

lead to the selection of five band members, through the songwriting process and preparation for their first public performance as a group. To capture this realistic setting accurately, the show will be produced by Mary-Ellis Bunim and Jon Murray of Bunim/Murray Productions, creators of MTV's *The Real World* and *Road Rules*.

Dutch TV is applying the same reality based by bringing nine members of the public together in the same house, taping them 24 hours a day and editing the highlights into a nightly program. The show, *Big Brother* whose title comes from George Orwell's futuristic novel 1984 about a world in which citizens are constantly monitored via TV by authorities ("Big Brother is watching you"), has become an instant hit in the Netherlands. ***

Following protests by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), Turner Broadcasting's World Championship Wrestling has

very base homophobic behavior that's shocking but is unfortunately a reality in 1999, and the audience's reaction gives permission to viewers to do harm to gay people in a very literal way -- it's appalling." An unnamed company executive stated that people at the company were alarmed by crowd reaction to the gay wrestlers and said that "it was not the network's intention to do any gay-bashing."

MISC. - Elton John will be paid \$6 million to appear at a single millennium concert at Caesar's Place in Las Vegas on Dec. 30, the London Daily Sun reported Wednesday, citing no sources. The tabloid said that Tina Turner will be part of the bill. Although Caesar's palace has installed state-of-the-art television facilities in its main theater, it was not clear whether a pay-TV deal for the performance was in the works. Hell since he'll be in Vegas the same time that Streisand and Midler are doing their concerts why don't they team up and do a benefit concert? ▼

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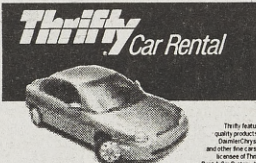
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Familiar And Obscure Donizetti At San Francisco Opera

By Wayne R. Anderson
MGW/Staff

A dream cast "Lucia di Lammermoor" was jet-tisoned when superstar Ruth Ann Swenson developed a severe viral infection. Tracy Dahl, who stepped in and saved the performance, did a creditable job in this demanding role. She negotiated all the notes accurately, including numerous high E-flats, and made a believable Lucy of the Lammermoors. The famous mad scene was well-acted and accurately sung. Her soprano was somewhat small for the role and showed little variation in color, but we were lucky to have her.

The rest of the cast helped to provide an exciting evening. Mexican tenor Ramon Vargas sang a vibrant Edgardo, Lucia's lover. His well-equalized voice is velvety sweet yet masculine, and it has ample thrust without being really big. He does not force for volume, but lets his tone open up naturally to fill the opera house. The act one duet "Veranno a te" was a lyrical jewel, while his emotional singing of the heart-rending final scene in Edgardo's ancestral cemetery made one realize why Italian opera continues to be so popular. Besides vocal radiance, he is a fine actor and made an ardent impetuous young lover.

As Lucia's brother Enrico, British baritone Anthony Michaels-Moore sang with an exciting virile sound of real power. His fierce acting dramatized the man's desperate political dilemma, from which Lucia's marriage to Arturo Bucklaw would extricate him. This made Enrico's determination to force his sister into an unwanted marriage seem less callous.

Bass Reinhard Hagen, as the Lammermoor Chaplain Raimondo, started out with a weak gravely tone which later improved somewhat but was still not very impressive.

Richard Bonyng brought a flow and balance to this score acquired from his many years of bel canto conducting.

The singers were clad in rich costumes of Scottish plaid and plumes. The sets mirrored Lucia's nightmarish world, with we, the audience, staring straight up as though flat on our backs as menacingly tilted castle walls closed in dizzily on all sides.

Only a handful of Donizetti's 70 operas survive today, yet many were popular staples during his time. One of

these is "La Favorite," written in 1840 for the Paris Opera.

The story takes place in Spain around 1340. A young novice, Fernand, falls in love with a beautiful woman, who, unknown to him, is Leonor de Guzman, the mistress (the "favorite" of the title) of Alphonse XI King of Castile. Abandoning his religious order, Fernand goes off to fight against the Moors, where he becomes a great hero. As reward for his bravery, he asks to marry Leonor, still unaware of her position. Alphonse, shocked at this request, ironically agrees and orders the wedding to take place at once. As anticipated by the king, the courtiers scornfully dismiss Fernand for marrying the king's whore. Humiliatingly dishonored, Fernand curses Leonor for her deceit and rejoins the church. In the final act, the dying Leonor comes to tell Fernand that she has always loved him and tried to tell him of her position before the marriage, but the message was intercepted by the courtiers. He forgives her as she dies in his arms.

Admittedly this may not be the strongest of librettos. A sense of religious gloom pervades much of the opera (the monks are digging their own graves as the final act opens), it is hard to identify strongly with the problems of the protagonists, and church-state conflict is not a hot issue of our own age. But if we are to make anything of the work, we must view the action in light of medieval Spain, with its exaggerated code of personal honor (as for example in Ver di's "Ernani" or "La Forza del Destino").

Surely it is plausible that a newly-titled nobleman would be devastated to learn that he had just been tricked into marrying the King's mistress!

To the extent that present-day audiences know this opera at all, it is in its Italian version "La Favorita." In this form, the work is not simply a translation

of the French. To satisfy the nervous Italian censors, important changes were made in the plot and characters. For example, Fernand (now Fernando) became the brother-in-law of the king, making him ludicrously naive not to be

level of the better-known "Lucia di Lammermoor." The ballet, essential for Paris but never a glory of Italian composers, could profitably be omitted.

Although the SFO has given this opera before, this was the first time in the original

to it, and his acting is also very effective. Strangely enough, he failed to ignite much audience excitement in his two important arias. It seemed he might have been nervous anticipating the threatening high notes, which prevented really

poetic readings of this music. He scooped up to the top Cs, rather than hitting them dead-on, and they were slightly unsteady, dimming the overall effect. Nevertheless most of the evening his strong golden sound was a real pleasure. As Balthazar, the powerful representative



Vladimir Chernov (as Alphonse XI) greets Marchello Giordani (as Fernand) in Donizetti's "La Favorite."

aware of the king's liaison with Leonora when everyone else at court knew. Much of the music of the dialogs was rewritten (but NOT by Donizetti) to fit the Italian words, and a lot of the religion was excised because the Italian censors frowned at the portrayal of Christianity on the licentious operatic stage.

Musically this opera has many wonderful strengths. Leonor's "O mon Fernand" ("O mio Fernando"), in which she agonizes over the shame she will bring upon her lover, is very well known, and Fernand has two ravishing arias, "Un ange, une femme inconnue" ("Una vergine, un angiol di Dio") in the first act and "Ange si pur" ("Spirto gentil") in the final act, both expressing his love for Leonora. Each of them has highly-exposed high Cs, since this role (as well as that of Edgardo) was written for Gilbert Duprez, the first tenor to sing the high C from the chest rather than as a gentler head tone. Alphonse has a dramatic aria about his deep love for his mistress, and several of the ensembles are quite fine. But in general this opera does not maintain the consistently high

French. Most of the principals gave extremely fine vocal and dramatic performances, allowing us to appreciate the many flashes of brilliance in this operatic rarity. In her SFO debut, Sonia Ganassi sang Leonor with a luscious mezzo tone. Despite its richness, her voice did not have the sheer power for the more dramatic moments but was extremely effective in the lyrical moments. "O mon Fernand" was exquisitely controlled, and she lifted the final soft note effortlessly into the vast reaches of the War Memorial Opera House. Unfortunately the taxing cabaletta that followed made less of an impression. Ms. Ganassi has a lovely lyric instrument and should be enchanting in more suitable bel canto roles. She may not have been the ultimate Leonor, but she certainly produced a great deal of lovely singing. As with the other artists, vivid acting breathed life into her character.

Tenor Marcello Giordani sang Fernando with a secure dramatic tone most of the evening. His voice has power and a thrilling ring

of the pope, Kevin J. Langan poured out velvety bass tone all evening. Baritone Vladimir Chernov was disappointing as King Alphonse. He seems to have lost the biting power that made such dramatic effects in previous performances here.

What is left is a smallish, painfully forced nasal voice with no sheen to it. Barely a word of his abysmal French was intelligible, which was especially ironic since the SFO made such a big deal about doing the original French version of the opera. Too often he let violent cape-swinging pass for dramatic acting.

Conductor Marco Armiliato led a blazing performance of great sweep but with tender lyricism when needed, showing what a dramatic opera Donizetti had written. The sets were extremely simple, consisting mostly of projections with a few statues of morose-looking saints elevated on long poles. It was a rare treat to see this opera, especially with such a fine cast, by an undervalued (in my opinion) composer. ▼

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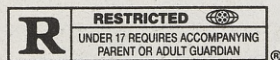


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FEATURE

The Craze to Convert Gays and Lesbians Reaches the River City

By Patrice R. Broussard
MGW/Staff

For more than a century, therapists, families, churches and other groups have tried to convert gays and lesbians. Now, the conversion craze has reached Sacramento. Recently, the River City played host to a conversion conference sponsored by Focus on Family.

Love Won Out, was a one-day event that sponsors touted as being a place "to provide a Christ-centered, comprehensive conference

which will enlighten, empower and equip families, Church and youth leaders, educators, counselors, policy makers and the gay community on the truth about homosexuality and its impact on culture and youth."

The purpose of **Love Won Out** was simple to understand—prevent homosexuality from spreading among today's youth. This message was reinforced by a bevy of speakers that included a "converted"

lesbian and a recovered gay man, authors and writers and others.

John Paulk welcomed those on hand for the Sacramento conference. Both he and his wife Anne have appeared on national television programs and in the national press sharing their story. The Paulks both were involved in the gay and lesbian community and have shared their stories of "transformation."

The topics that the panel presented were supposed to empower and educate people about the complexities about being a homosexual. Mike Haley was one of these speakers.


Haley was involved in the gay community as a teen and as a young adult. Now he is married and lives in Colorado. His presentation offers so-called insights into the causes and the recovery of the homosexual condi-

tion within the youth culture. Haley claimed that homosexuality gives young adults the option to fulfill needs within them that come about as a result of lust and envy.

Joe Dallas, the program director of the Genesis Counseling in Orange, California was also on hand for the **Love Won Out** seminar. During his session, "Understanding Pro-Gay Theology," he used various passages from the Bible to support the claim that homosexuality is a sin.

Other speakers spoke on the prevention of homosexuality, teen issues and other areas. There was even a call for testimonials of ex-gays who have "seen the error of their wicked ways."

The **Love Won Out** seminar is just another form of the alarming number of ex-gay ministries that are popping up around the country. ▼



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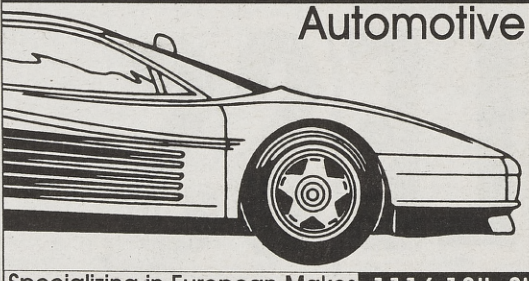
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MESSIAH, Opera Players, 3pm; Modesto, 209-572-2867

LET THE MIRACLES BEGIN, Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 448-2437
G/L SIERRANS, Folsom Lake Hike, 421-6209

A CLASSIC CHRISTMAS, Sacramento Capitolaire, 1pm and 3:30pm, Towe Auto Museum, 2200 Front Street, 442-6802

HOLIDAY CRAFTS BAZAAR, Sacramento Capitolaire, 10am-5pm, Towe Auto Museum, 2200 Front Street, 442-6802

Theatre/Dance/Orchestra

ACTOR'S THEATRE, HAMLET, The Actor's Workshop, thru November 28, 2pm; 1616 Del Paso Blvd., 916-925-6579
AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE, Loose Ends, November 19-28; Brighton Beach Memoirs, February 25 thru March 5; The Glass Menagerie, April 28 thru May 7; 4700 College Oaks Dr., 916-484-8234
AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE ORCHESTRA, Choir Invitational, 8pm, November 2; Jazz Band Invitational, 8pm, November 3; Concert Band, "Three London Miniatures", 8pm, November 4; Jazz Night, "Guest Ensemble", 8pm, November 5; Solo Jazz Piano, "Jessica Williams", 8pm, November 6; Capital Jazz Project, "A Salute to Duke Ellington", 7pm, November 7; 4700 College Oaks Dr., 916-484-8234
ARCO ARENA, Boston Pops, December 2nd 7:30pm at the Arco Arena, 649-8497
B STREET THEATRE, Cricket On The Hearth, various times showing Wednesday thru Sunday, November 21 thru January 2, 2000; 2711 B St., 916-443-5300
CAMELLIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, The Essence of Time - "In my beginning is my end", February 5; Toward the Unknown Region - "We shall not cease from exploration", April 1; Time Future... Time Past - California and Beyond, May 20, 21; 916-929-6655
CITY THEATRE, The Skin of Our Teeth, thru December 11; What the Butler Saw, February 25 thru March 25; As You Like It, April 14 thru May 20; Sacramento City College, 3835 Freeport Blvd., 916-558-2228
CIRQUE DU SOLEIL, "DRALION", Begins Feb. 3rd, 2000; Pacific Bell Parking Lot, SF, 1-800-678-5440
CONSERVATORY THEATRE CENTER, Glory Box, November 5-14, 8pm; 25 Van Ness Ave., Lower Lobby, San Francisco, 415-861-8972
EAGLE THEATRE, Annie, thru December 18; Little Shop of Horrors, December 31 thru February 12; Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, February 18 thru April 1; Pippin, April 21 thru June 3; 925 Front St., Old Sacramento, 916-207-1226
FOOTHILL THEATRE COMPANY, New Voices of the Wild West, Nov 4th-14th, Ciy Centre Playhouse, Grass Valley, 530-265-8587
GARBEAU'S DINNER THEATRE, Little Shop of Horrors, thru November 21; 1940's Radio Hour, November 27 thru January 2; Nunsense II, January 7 thru February 27; Hwy 50 at Hazel Ave., 916-985-6361
GEORGE COATES PERFORMANCE WORKS, "Up Your Ass", Comedy By Valerie Solanas; Play begins 17 previews on Nov 19th & opens Jan 12, 2000; 8pm; 110 McAllister St., SF, 415-863-8520
GOLD COUNTRY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA; "EXPRESSIONISM IN STRING MUSIC", Nov 20th 7:30PM, & Nov 21st 3pm, Congregation Beth Shalom, 4746 El Camino Ave, Carmichael; 485-4478
HANDBELL ENSEMBLE SONGS; "SOUNDS OF THE HOLIDAYS", Nov 28th at 4pm at First Congregational Church 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley, Dec 10th at 7:30pm at Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette; Saturday Dec 11th at 7:30pm at First Unitarian Church 1187 Franklin St., SF, 415-392-4400
HIMOVITZ GALLERY, "CIRCUS", Nov 18th-Dec24, reception on Dec 11th at 6pm, for information call 929-7896
OAKLAND BALLET, Nutcracker, December 10-24; Paramount Theater, 2025 Broadway, Oakland, 510-452-9288
PAMELA TROKANSKI DANCE THEATRE; FALL CONCERT, Dec 2-4th, shows at 8pm; Veterans Memorial Theatre 203 14th St., Davis; 756-3949
PLAYWRIGHTS THEATRE; "MACBETH", Nov 18th-21st, & Dec 2nd-5th; Thurs-Sat 8pm, Sunday 2pm; 278-6604
RIVER STAGE, Our Lady of the Tortilla, thru December 5; The Scottsboro Boys, March 4-26, 2000; Playwright's Festival, May 11-14, 2000; Gurley, July 8-23, 2000; 8401 Center Parkway, 916-688-7138
RUTH ROSENBERG DANCE ENSEMBLE, Locomotion, thru November 20; 24th Street Theatre, 2791 24th St., 916-457-7733
SACRAMENTO BALLET, The Nutcracker, December 9-23; Romeo and Juliet, February 10-13; La Sonnambula, March 30 thru April 2, 2000; 1631 K St., 916-552-5800
SACRAMENTO LIGHT OPERA ASSOCIATION, "TAP DOGS", Dec 28th-Jan 2nd; "RAISIN" Thur-Sun beginning Jan 8th thru Jan 23rd; "CABARET", Feb 1st-6th; "RENT", March 7th-12th; "THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL", April 18th-23rd; "TRIUMPH OF LOVE", MAY 16th-21st; "TITANIC", June 20th-25th; 557-1999, 264-5181, or 766-BASS
PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA; Mozart program, November 27th at 8pm, at Sacramento Community Center Theatre, 264-5181
SACRAMENTO THEATRE COMPANY, Jodie's Body, thru December 5; A Christmas Carol, November 26-December 24; Kokoro (True Heart), January 11-February 6; Same Time, Next Year, February 1-April 9; Wicked Old Songs, February 22-March 19; Alabama Sky, April 4-30; 1419 H St., 916-443-6722
SACRAMENTO YOUTH SYMPHONY & ACADEMY OF MUSIC, "SYMPHONIC HOLIDAY", Dec. 12th at 3pm, Bert Chappell theater, Hiram Johnson High School, 14th Ave. at 65th St., 388-5777
SIGNATURE THEATRE COMPANY; "ENTER THE NIGHT"; Previews beginning Tuesday, Nov 23rd, official opening December 5th runs thru Dec 19th; Signature Theatre Company's Peter Norton Space; 555 W. 42nd St., N.Y.; 212-244-7529
THEATER RHINOCEROS, "A THANKSGIVING VISITOR", Nov 22nd 7pm; "A CHRISTMAS MEMORY", December 13th at 7pm; Jaywalker, thru December 12; Barebacking, A Sex Panic! Comedy, January 20 thru February 19; Latin Hustle, March 16 thru April 15; Whatever happened to Sister George? May 18 thru June 17; 2926 16th St., San Francisco, 415-861-5079
UC DAVIS, Emptyrean Ensemble, Wyatt Pavilion Theatre, 8pm, November 13; Borromeo String Quartet, Freeborn hall, 8pm, December 3; UCD Symphony Orchestra, 8pm, December 3; American Bach Soloists, 8pm, December 20; University of California-Davis, 1 Shields Drive, 530-752-5537
THE WOODLAND OPERA HOUSE, The Mystery of Irma Yep, January 28 thru February 19; Godspell, March 31 thru April 22; On Gilden Pond, May 19 thru June 10; 340 2nd St., Woodland, 530-666-9617
YERBA BUENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS THEATER, Lawrence Pech Dance Company, November 18-21; Lily Cai Chinese Dance & Dimensions Dance Theater, November 12-13; Stephen Petronio Dance Company, November 4-7, Words on Dance - Joe Goode November 1; Helgi Tomasson, April 10; 700 Howard St., San Francisco, 415-978-ARTS
ASHCAN GALLERY, Melanie Brown, Sonya Fe, Carole Hand & Patricia Kemick, "Diverse Rhythms",

THE NUTCRACKER, Jim Gamble Puppets, 1:30pm, Central Library, 828 I St., 264-2770

6th Monday
MEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, Lambda Community Center, 6-7:30pm; 1927 L St., 442-0185

7th Tuesday
SUPPORT GROUP FOR HIV/AIDS GAY AND BI-SEXUAL MEN, Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 6:30-8:30pm; 1330 21st St., 386-2504

SSPCA X-MAS TREE LOT, SPCA, thru Dec. 19th, 10am-4pm, SSPCA Shelter, 6201 Florin-Perkins Rd., 383-PETS

8th Wednesday
WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 7pm, call for more information 442-4657

AUTHOR KATHERINE FORREST APPEARING, Open Book, 7pm, Open Book, 910 21st St., 498-1004

CALENDAR

HOLIDAY FUN, Puppet Art Puppet Theater, 4pm, Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Ave., 264-2770

9th Thursday
THE NUTCRACKER, thru December 23; Community Center Theatre, 264-5181

BABES IN ARMS, Woodland Opera House School Outreach Program, 9am, 11am and 1pm; 340 Second St, 530-666-9617

10th Friday
CENTURY FAREWELL PARTY WITH SLIDESHOW, G/L Sierrans, 7pm; 2791 24th St., 421-6209

SACRAMENTO'S ANNUAL CANDLE-LIGHT VIGIL FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE, 4:30-6pm; Corner of 16th & J Sts., 448-7157

11th Saturday
CHRISTMAS AT SEA, Hyde-Street Pier, 415-561-6662

GLORIA!, Baroque Choral Guild, 8pm; First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton, Palo Alto, 408-733-8110

HOW TO MAKE IT AS AN ACTOR, Timothy Busfield, 10am-1pm; B Street Theater, 2711 B St., 443-5300

BOWLING, DOT, 2pm, Land Park Bowl, 736-4444

HOLIDAY DANCE, BACW, 9pm-1am, Sebastopol, Call Carol at 707-573-9137

12th Sunday
GLORIA!, Baroque Choral Guild, 7:30pm; First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton, Palo Alto, 408-733-8110

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH, Sacramento Master Singers, 3pm, St. Francis Church, 26th & K St., 338-0300

ASIAN TREASURE BAG, Eth-Noh-Tec, 1:30pm, Central Library, 828 I St., 264-2770

13th Monday
MEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, Lambda Community Center, 6-7:30pm; 1927 L St., 442-0185

YOLO PFLAG HOLIDAY MEETING, Call for information: 707-678-3878

14th Tuesday
KEEPING OUR COOL: DISCUSSING AIDS WITH LOVED ONES, AIDS Interfaith Network, 7pm; First United Methodist Church, 21st & J Streets, 481-5487
SUPPORT GROUP FOR HIV/AIDS GAY AND BI-SEXUAL MEN, Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 6:30-8:30pm; 1330 21st St., 386-2504

15th Wednesday
GOD BLESS US, EVERYONE (revised), Actor's Workshop, thru January 2, 2000; The Actor's Theater, 1616 Del Paso Blvd, 925-6579

MATERIAL WITNESS: MASTERS FROM CA CRAFTS, Crocker Art Museum, thru January 2, 2000; 216 O St, 264-5423

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 7pm, call for more information 442-4657

AUTHOR MIKAYA HEART APPEARING, Open Book, 7pm, Open Book, 910 21st St., 498-1004

FREE REIKI EXCHANGE, call: 530-753-9900

16th Thursday
HOT JAZZ FOR A COLD WINTER, Belle Coolidge Library, 4pm, Belle Coolidge Library, 5600 South Land Park Dr., 264-2770

17th Friday
WINTER CONCERT, SAC AIDS Foundation, 6:30-10pm, Crest Theater, 1013 K St., 448-2437 ext. 224

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH, Sacramento Master Singers, 8pm, St Francis Church, 26th & K St., 338-0300

18th Saturday
QUEER SWING DANCE, Swing-OUT! lessons 7pm-8:30pm, DJ until midnight; The California Club, 1750 Clay Street, SF, 415-339-8103

HOW TO MAKE IT AS AN ACTOR, Timothy Busfield, 10am-1pm; B Street Theater, 2711 B St., 443-5300

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH, Sacramento Master Singers, 8pm, St Francis Church, 26th & K St., 338-0300

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CONCERT, Sacramento Master Singers, 4pm, First English Lutheran Church, 3860 4th Ave., 338-0300

19th Sunday
THEATER ORGAN CONCERTS: DAVID SAUER, Towe Auto Museum, 2pm; 2200 Font St., 442-6802

21st Tuesday
RAP SESSION, PFLAG, 7:30-9:30; St. Marks United Methodist Church, ST. Marks Way & Lusk Dr., 978-0410

SUPPORT GROUP FOR HIV/AIDS GAY AND BI-SEXUAL MEN, Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 6:30-8:30pm; 1330 21st St., 386-2504

22nd Wednesday
ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH, Sacramento Master Singers, 8pm, St. Francis Church, 26th & K St., 338-0300

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 7pm, call for more information 442-4657

26th Sunday
BARBER SHOP QUARTET, Towe Auto Museum, 2pm; 2200 Font St., 442-6802

28th Tuesday
SUPPORT GROUP FOR HIV/AIDS GAY AND BI-SEXUAL MEN, Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 6:30-8:30pm; 1330 21st St., 386-2504

29th Wednesday
WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 7pm, call for more information 442-4657

31st Friday
SAN FRANCISCO'S MILLENIUM CELEBRATION, TBA
DIE FLEDERMAUS, Townsend Opera Players; Modesto, 209-572-2867

January 2000

1st Saturday
MATERIAL WITNESS: MASTERS FROM CA CRAFTS, Crocker Art Museum, thru January 2; 216 O St, 264-5423

GOD BLESS US, EVERYONE (revised), Actor's Workshop, thru January 2; The Actor's Theater, 1616 Del Paso Blvd, 925-6579

5th Wednesday
WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 7pm, call for more information 442-4657



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Maraya (Jennifer Gardner, left and Susan (Melita Sagar) share a laugh in "Loose Ends". The Bittersweet love story runs November 19-28 at American River Theater.

12th Wednesday
WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 7pm, call for more information 442-4657

14th Friday
ROADRUNNER REGIONAL RODEO, IGRA, thru January 16; Phoenix, AZ, 602-265-0618

15th Saturday
ROADRUNNER REGIONAL RODEO, IGRA, thru January 16; Phoenix, AZ, 602-265-0618

16th Sunday
ROADRUNNER REGIONAL RODEO, IGRA; Phoenix, AZ, 602-265-0618

17th Monday
DRUMMERS OF WEST AFRICA, 8pm; UC Davis, Freeborn Hall, 530-752-1915

19th Wednesday
WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 7pm, call for more information 442-4657

FREE REIKI EXCHANGE, call 530-753-9900

22nd Saturday
SACRAMENTO'S RARE BOOK & EPHEMERA SHOW & SALE, Argus Books/The Bookmine/Cobblestone Books, 10am-5pm, Sac Convention Center, 1400 J St., 443-6223

23rd Sunday
SACRAMENTO'S RARE BOOK & EPHEMERA SHOW & SALE, Argus Books/The Bookmine/Cobblestone Books, 10am-4pm, Sac Convention Center, 1400 J St., 443-6223

26th Wednesday
WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 7pm, call for more information 442-4657

27th Thursday
ORIGINAL GAY PLAYS WEEKEND, The Lambda Players, thru January 29, 8pm; Geery Theatre, 366-3904

28th Friday
MOZART, PIANO CONCERTO No. 21 & SYMPHONY No. 40, Sacramento Orchestra, 8pm; Sacramento Community Theater, 922-9200

THE MYSTERY OF IRMA VEP, Woodland Opera House, thru February 19; 340 Second St, 530-666-9617

29th Saturday
MAVIS STAPLES "A TRIBUTE TO MAHALIA JACKSON", 8pm; UC Davis, Freeborn Hall, 530-752-1915

February

1st Tuesday
THE MYSTERY OF IRMA VEP, Woodland Opera House, thru February 19; 340 Second St, 530-666-9617

2nd Wednesday
LITTLE MERMAID, Disney on Ice, thru Feb. 6th, Arco Arena, 442-0957

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 7pm, call for more information 442-4657

4th Friday
MAKE WAY FOR DYKELINGS, The Original Lambda Players, thru March 4, 8pm; Geery Theatre, 366-3904

Ongoing Events

SACRAMENTO'S FIRST ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL POETRY FESTIVAL, November 5-7, 916-278-6101

DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY ICE RINK, K Street Mall, October 29 thru January 17, 916-442-8575

TOWER GALLERY, Recent works by Miles Hermann & Ianna Frisby, Nov 13th-30th, 484 Howe Ave., 373-2574

Art Galleries

ART FOUNDRY GALLERY, "Voces Ahora!", thru November 27; "ITALIAN FLAVORS", Roger B. Stephens thru Dec 31st; "VESSELS & CONTAINERS" thru Dec 31st; 1021 R St., 916-444-2787
BIG ART GALLERY, "The Big End", Varied Artists, November 4 thru December 31; 1928 L St., 916-446-2740
BLOOMING ART, "Two Views—One Couple", Tom and Cynthia McKeith, November 4-30; 1901 Capitol Ave., 916-442-3800
CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ART, "Rebuilding the City", Ron Unruh, November 13 thru December 18; 1516 Del Paso Blvd., 916-927-2278
CHROMA GALLERY, "Hues to You", Varied Artists, thru November 7; "Plein-air Radiance", Varied Artists, November 10 thru December 5; 10030 Fair Oaks Blvd., 916-966-6020
CROCKER ART MUSEUM, Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale; November 27th&28th 10am-4pm; Annual Baroque Ball; December 4th 6pm-1am; Material Witness: Masters from California Crafts, thru January 2, 2000; American Impressionist Paintings from Wet Coast Collections; Eye of the Needle: Chinese Textiles & Embroideries; Double Take: Photography from the Museum Collection, thru January 30, 2000; Passage to California: Old Master Drawings in the New World, thru November 28; Discovery Gallery Level Material Witness: Masters from California Crafts, thru January 2, 2000; Art Travel, The Phoenix Art Museum; March 31st thru April 2, 2000; 216 O St., 916-264-5423
DOIRON GALLERY, "About Face", Anne Bradley, thru November 10; "Gallery Artists Holiday Showcase", Various Artists, November 11 thru December 8; "KRITOS FIVE", Various Artists Dec 9th thru Jan. 19, 2000, 1625 Del Paso Blvd., 916-564-4433
EXCENTRIQUE FUNCTIONAL ART GALLERY, "Stories and Lies", Miriam Morris, November 13 thru December 3; 1409 R St., 916-446-1786
FINE ARTS MUSEUMS OF SAN FRANCISCO, Contemporary Fiber and Art to Wear: Recent Acquisitions, thru November 28; Wedding Dresses from the permanent Collection, thru January 23; **TWO IMPORTANT ACQUISITIONS FOR THE NEW de YOUNG**, thru Feb 5th, 2000; De Young Museum, Golden Gate Park, 75 Tea Garden Dr., San Francisco, 415-750-7692
FINE ARTS MUSEUMS OF SAN FRANCISCO, PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR: Recent Acquisitions at the Legion; Spirit Country: Australian Aboriginal Art from the Gantner Myer Collection, September 18 thru January 9, 2000; Richard Diebenkorn's 41 Etchings, September 25 thru January 16; Animals Real and Imagined: Artists Books from the Permanent Collection; 34th Ave. & Clement St., San Francisco, 415-863-3330
GALLERY 8, "Digital Art: You Can't Take My Fun", thru November 6; "Paintings On Canvas", Vera Ximenes, November 13 thru December 4; 2906 Franklin Blvd., 916-456-4278
GALLERY ONE, "Patel Society of the West Coast", thru November 6; 291 Auburn-Folsom Rd., 530-823-3646
KZ's GALLERY & CAFÉ, "Latest Works", Curtis James, Mayoral Candidate Heather Fargo, November 13, 6pm-11pm; 1630 K Street
MEXICAN MUSEUM, "La Patria Portal: 100 Years of Mexican Chromo Art", thru January 2, 2000; Fort Mason Center, San Francisco, 415-202-9700
MICHAEL HIMOVITZ GALLERY, "CIRCUS" featuring Mitsuo Katsui, Dec 11; 6-10pm; 1616 Del Paso Blvd., Suite 3, 916-929-7896
PARHAM GALLERY FINE & EXOTIC TEAPOTS, "Lax Airport Teapot Exhibit", Nov '99-Feb 2000; S/West Air Terminal, #1 upstairs; 2847 S. Armacost Ave. L.A.
RICHARD L. NELSON GALLERY & THE FINE ARTS COLLECTION, "Drawings, Paintings, & Objects: 1990-1999", Julia Couzens, November 7 thru December 10; UC Davis, The Nelson Gallery, Art Building, 530-752-8500
SACRAMENTO FINE ARTS CENTER GALLERIES; 13th Annual Holiday Boutique; Tues-Sat 10am-5pm Sunday 1-5pm; thru December 1st-19th; 5330-B Gibbons Drive, Carmichael; 971-3713
SAN FRANCISCO MOMA, Paul Klee, Signs of Life, thru March 14; Full Moon, Apollo Mission Photographs of the Lunar Landscape, thru January 11, Julia Margaret Cameron's Women, thru November 30, 7 and Design; Edge City: Work by Steven Holl from the Permanent Collection of Architecture and Design, November 12 thru February 20, 2000; New Work: Painting Today, Recent Acquisitions, December 17 thru March, 2000; Short Distances and Definite Places: The Photographs of William Gedney, January 21, 2000; Sol LeWitt: A Retrospective, February 19 thru May 21; Structure & Surface: Contemporary Japanese Textiles, March 10 thru June 20; Germaine Krull, April 14 thru July 30; Rene Magritte, May 5 thru September 30; Robert Gober: Sculpture & Drawings, June 9 thru September 4; Walker Evans, June thru September 12; Ellsworth Kelly in San Francisco, June thru August 29; Experiments: Recent Accessions in Architecture & Design, July thru October; Messengers of Modernism: American Studio Jewelry, 1940-1960; Celebrating Modern Art: The Anderson Collection, October 7 thru January 2001; A Hidden Picasso, November, 2000; 151 3rd St., San Francisco, 415-357-4000, <http://www.sfmoma.org>
SOLOMON DUBNICK GALLERY, "It's Figure & More", Varied Artists, November 4-27, "Symposium Porcelain", Rimas VisGirda, November 4-27; 2131 Northrop Ave., 916-920-4547
STILL LIFE GALLERY, "Eunice Olson", Nov 12th 6-9pm thru Dec 10th; 2231 J St. suite 102; 446-6786
UC DAVIS, Pamela Shields, "Pocahantas Erotica", thru December 17; Susan Gray, "Raging Light: The Breast Cancer Names Banner", November 3-14; Julia Couzens, "Drawings and Mixed-Media Works", November 7 thru December 10; Malaquias Montoya, "Screen Prints", November 8-24; Visual Impact: The Art of the Poster, November 10 thru April 22; Nelson Gallery Day Without Art, December 1; University of California-Davis, 1 Shields Ave., Art Building, 530-752-1915.
VIEWPOINT GALLERY, Annual SAMCC Exhibit, thru December 10; John Sexton, December 17 thru January 28, 2000, reception January 8, 5:30pm; Richard Miller, February 4 thru March 17, reception February 12, 5:30pm; 551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd., 916-441-2341

THEATER

American River Theatre Offers

American River Theatre Offers Serious Acting "Loose Ends," a bittersweet modern love story by Michael Weller, opens at American River Theatre November 19 for a two-week run. Described by the New York Times as "honest, resonant and haunting," "Loose Ends" is about the 1970s love affair of Paul and Susan. As the decade progresses, we watch as their intimacy grows through joy, laughter, and the bumpy paths of their two careers as well as the more devastating tests of fidelity and change.

In order to draw audience members closer to the triumphs and troubles of this spirited couple, director Ted Kulp has chosen to set the play on an arena stage in an intimate 125-seat theatre on the ARC campus. The setting is unique in that both the audience and the actors will be encompassed in the space



Melita Sagar is Susan and Thomas Garcia is Paul in the bittersweet modern love story "Loose Ends". The play runs November 19-28 at American River Theater. Info: 484-8234

which usually serves as the college's stage-the 400-seat auditorium sitting vacant behind them. This setup worked exceptionally well for last year's award winning production of "Equus," with the only drawback being a limited number of seats. For that reason, reservations are highly recommended. Theatregoers should also be aware that the adult themes, adult language and nudity called for in the production make more suitable for adult audiences. Children under 17 will not be admitted without parental permission.

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Agricultural Advisory Committee	11/8/99 to 11/19/99	3 farming / livestock representatives
Antelope Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing	2 residents of area
Arden-Arcade Community Planning Advisory Council	11/8/99 to 11/19/99	2 residents of area
Area 4 Agency on Aging	Open Filing	1 seat
Board of Plumbing Examiners	Open Filing	1 public member 1 non-union contractee
Building Board of Appeals	Open Filing	1 architect 1 plumbing contractor 1 residential contractor 1 general public 1 attorney 1 electrical contractor 1 gen/comm. contractor 1 mechanical engineer 1 utility representative
Carmichael Community Planning	11/8/99 to 11/19/99	3 residents of area
Children's Coalition	Open Filing 11/8/99 to 11/19/99	1 sports & rec. member 3 residents of area
Consumes Area CPAC	Open Filing 10/25/99 to 11/5/99	5 residents of area 6 residents of area
County Service Area #4B	11/8/99 to 11/19/99	3 residents of area
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Delta Citizens Municipal Advisory Council	Open Filing	3 members
Developmental Disabilities Planning & Advisory Council	11/8/99 to 11/19/99	1 parent member 2 professional seats 2 public members
Disability Advisory Committee	Open Filing	1 seat
Elk Grove Community Planning Advisory Committee	Open Filing	1 resident of area
Fair Oaks Cemetery District	11/8/99 to 11/19/99	2 residents of area
Florin-Elder Creek Cemetery District	11/8/99 to 11/19/99	1 resident
Franklin/Laguna Area Cemetery	Open Filing	7 residents
Galt-Arno Cemetery District	Open Filing	3 resident of area
Human Services Coordinating Council	11/8/99 to 11/19/99	1 member seat
Law Library Board of Trustees	11/8/99 to 11/19/99	1 lawyer seat
Maternal, child & Adolescent Health Advisory Council	11/8/99 to 11/19/99	1 health professional seat 1 consumer parent/non-specific seat
Natomas Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing	3 residents of area
Sacramento County Mental Health Board	Open Filing	1 member 2 public interest 1 family member
Sacramento County Youth Commission	Open Filing	5 member seats 5 alternate seats
Sacramento-Yolo Port District	Open Filing	1 resident of area
Sacramento Housing & Redevelopment Commission	10/25/99 to 11/5/99	1 seat
Southeast Area Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing	4 resident of area
South Sac Area Community Planning Advisory Council	10/25/99 to 11/19/99	2 residents of area
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Introducing Cats & Dogs

It has been widely touted that there are "cat people" and then there are "dog people." Each species has its advantages in the eyes of the leash-holder, but the chasm between cats and dogs, is well worth bridging if you find that you love them equally and cannot do without either. While we may advocate the multi-pet household, it must be acknowledged that introducing a new cat or dog to a resident animal of the opposite species is not a trivial endeavor. Bringing cats and dogs together requires patience, planning, and a little diplomacy on your part to ensure that things run smoothly. More diplomacy, certainly, than President Clinton demonstrated when he locked a feuding "Socks" & "Buddy" in a conference room to duke it out.

Certain core ingredients make up the recipe for a harmonious union of feline and canine family members. The age, breed, temperament, and histories of both animals must be taken into consideration. Age and activity level, which tend to go hand in hand, are primary factors affecting any introduction. In her guide book to living with multiple pets, *Creating a Peaceable Kingdom*, Cynthia D. Miller advises against introducing adolescence, particularly in dogs (beginning at about six months), is a time of rebellion and bad behavior. Learning house rules is enough of an accomplishment without adding a distraction

such as a new family member of a traditionally repellent species.

Other ill-fated combinations are a rambunctious puppy and a geriatric cat, or a rambunctious cat, & a geriatric dog. On the other hand, if your eight-year-old Lab has a high energy level and a penchant for mischief, you may even take a parental position with a younger animal. An anxious young cat or dog may defer to the established resident. A young animal can be the kick in the pants that a dog or cat needs to pull itself out of a slump, especially if it happens to be mourning the death of a prior companion. The ideal combination is one where both animals are still in their critical stages of learning. The critical stages are 2-7 weeks of age for kittens and 3-12 weeks of age for puppies. "When you're raising an animal, if they spend their critical period with another species, they view them as a member of their own species," Dr. Amy Marder says.

"So as a dog, you would raise them with cats and they would view the cats as other dogs in their pack. Just like with human beings. Human beings are part of their pack, their family, so to speak." Animals outside of the home environment may still fall under the old regime of cat vs. dog. Marder says, "I think it's all based on the individual. I think you have a better chance having your pit bull not kill your cat rais-

ing it from puppy-hood with your cats. It might kill other cats, but it won't kill your cats."

While introducing a puppy and a kitten is a nearly foolproof and adorable idea, be aware of your own limitations. Will you really have time to train and bond with two infants? Will you be able to afford the cost of two sterilization's four-six months down the line? By the same token, in pairing up two laid-back, geriatric animals consider the inevitable time and cost of caring for them as they age. The breed of dog is another important consideration but don't let your reservations about a specific breed be the sole factor governing your choices. While certain breeds of dogs display higher prey drives than others, many fine animals are victims of breed prejudices. Marder cites terriers (especially pit bulls), rottweilers and huskies as the breeds most likely to attack and kill cats.

"I've seen several dogs that are afraid of cats," says Marder. "A confident, outgoing cat who has taken over the household will also tell the dog what to do, what it can and can't do. And they do it with hissing and growling and scratching and occasionally biting. And a fearful young puppy with a timid personality will be afraid. We just had a shelter dog, pretty rambunctious, which we introduced to a very confident shelter cat on our office floor. And

this sixty-pound dog was deathly afraid of this six-pound cat."

A fearful dog and an assertive cat might not be best of friends immediately, but a dog can be fairly easily trained through a system of rewards to tolerate the presence of a cat, and an aggressive cat can be desensitized, or distracted from the dog with a loud noise, or a squirt from a water bottle. Both parties should be rewarded lovingly for positive behavior. Marder, who

as prey." Marder hoped to achieve success by keeping the kittens in a cage while rewarding the dog for a relaxed response.

Beyond age and breed, consider the histories of the animals you are introducing. If a cat has had a negative experience with dogs, it may never overcome its fear of a resident dog, no matter how passive or gentle that dog may be. A dog that has never had contact with cats except to chase them from its yard may likewise

have a hard time sharing its turf with one. Cats and dogs learn from experience, but they also learn by observing their parents. A recent litter of kittens fostered in this author's home provides an excellent case in point.



Scoop Birmer would rather chase all the cats out of her yard!!!

has worked with many dogs with high prey drives, is currently working with a very predatory standard poodle and a pair of lovely little Burmese kittens. "There are some dogs that just will not tolerate cats. The poodle's owner rides horses and the dog is fine at the horse barn where there are these big old tomcats. The dog is afraid of the tomcats because they are really bold. But the dog sees these little Burmese kittens

Two of the three kittens had seen their mother react aggressively to the resident dog. From that point onward, the kittens that had witnessed the encounter would hiss and posture aggressively in the dogs' presence. The one kitten that, by chance, had missed all of the excitement, had an entirely different perception of the dog. It was eager to interact and would often approach the dog in an effort to touch noses or initiate play.

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TECHNOLOGY

Gay.com Reports: Hits a Record 2 Million

Online Partners, operator of Gay.com: The Gay Network (www.gay.com), announced Gay.com hit new growth milestones in October 1999.

Gay.com is ranked first among targeted affinity and community sites according to the September 1999 Media Metrix Audience Measurement Web Usage Report.

Gay.com beat GeoCities (Nasdaq: YHOO), iVillage (Nasdaq: IVIL), TalkCity (Nasdaq: TCTY), ThirdAge, and Women.com (Nasdaq: WOMN) in average usage days per visitor, average unique page views per visitor in a month, and average minutes spent online per usage month at home.

Specifically, Gay.com reported these records in October: Record monthly usage: Gay.com members generated 249 million minutes online interaction during the month. This new high is up 7.1% from the previous month and up 145% from the same month last year.

Record daily usage: October 31, Gay.com members

stayed connected for 9.13 million minutes, surpassing the previous record of 8.81 million minutes set on October 24. Record monthly visits: During the month of October Gay.com hosted 7.52 million visits, up 117% from the same month last year.

Also Surging last month was Gay.com's 21% share of on-line gay and lesbian visitors accounting for more than 2 million unique gay and lesbian on-line users as tracked by the Media Metrix, Double-Click and AOL. Independent research findings released by Computer Economics this year conclude there are approximately 9.2 million gay and lesbian on-line users and still growing rapidly.

"Gay.com's reach today is four times greater than that of the next two gay and lesbian web sites combined," said Lowell Selvin, CEO Online Partners. "We continue to strengthen our position as the category leader through rapid innovation and providing the most extensive lesbian and gay content on the Web."

In October Gay.com delivered the world's first gay browser, fresh interactive content for women, new e-commerce offerings, and produced several well-attended on-line events for MTV, Atlantic Records, and PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays).

Online Partners operates targeted affinity Web sites with significant e-commerce potential. Its first global property-Gay.com: The Gay Network-is the leading provider of interactive services for the gay and lesbian community. Services include news, search, shopping, chat, message boards, email, radio, match making and local event guides. Content channels include finance, food and wine, arts and entertainment, home and family, travel, sports and fitness, health and HIV. Gay.com has forged exclusive partnerships with many leading gay content providers and has amassed over 2,000 network affiliates. Online Partners is based in San Francisco, with offices in New York and Los Angeles. ▼

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2000 WNBA Draft Order Announced

The WNBA announced that its 12 existing teams will be allowed to protect five players who were on their rosters at the end of the 1999 season when the league conducts an Expansion Draft on Wednesday, December 15.

The four expansion teams that begin play in 2000—Indiana, Miami, Portland, and Seattle will acquire their first six players in the process. The Expansion Draft, which will be held via conference call with the league office beginning at 10:30 am, will consist of six rounds. In the first three rounds, the 12 WNBA teams that played during the 1999 season will be allowed to protect five players, with each team losing one player to expansion.

Once those rounds have been completed, the 12 existing teams will be allowed to protect three additional players. In rounds four, five, and six, the expansion teams will select from the remaining pool of players, with each existing team losing one additional player. When the process is completed, each existing team will have lost two players, and each expansion team will have chosen six players.

The Expansion Draft order will be determined via a random drawing to be held at the WNBA League Meetings in New York on Monday, November 15. The draft order will be reversed in each round. The 2000 WNBA Draft will be held via conference call with representatives of the 16 teams on Tuesday, April 25th.

The Cleveland Rockers will have the first choice in the Draft with the other 11 teams that played in 1999 choosing in inverse order of last year's regular season win-loss records. Ties between teams with the same record

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Tisha Penicheiro (#21) drives towards the basket in route to the Monarchs' June 30th 1999 victory over the L.A. Sparks.

will be broken using the WNBA playoff tiebreakers. The four expansion teams will have the seventh through 10th picks in each round. Those four will select in inverse order of their positions in the Expansion Drafts.

2000 WNBA DRAFT ORDER
(Teams' Regular Season Records in Parentheses)

1. Cleveland Rockers (7-25)
2. Washington Mystics (12-20)
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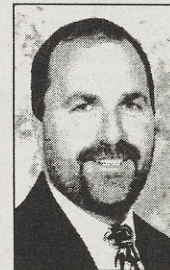
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On the HIV Front...

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

Candlelight march...

World AIDS Day 1999 (Wed, Dec 1) will be commemorated with the annual candlelight march beginning at 5:30 from the west steps of the Capitol building. The event is sponsored this year by Breaking Barriers (447-2437), and will host Assemblyman Darrell Steinberg as keynote speaker. Remember that candles are not allowed on the Capitol grounds themselves, but can be lit once the march is underway. Bring your own if you can (a cup for windshield and dripping wax might likely be handy).

Firing Line...

Several of Sacramento's leading HIV physicians and researchers -- Drs. Scott Christensen, Neil Flynn, Bary Siegel, and Darin Latimore -- along with Sacramento County Health Officer Dr. Glennah Trochet led the November Firing Line discussion at the UCDMC auditorium. The panel experts responded to questions from the audience, and spoke of the current state of the epidemic (the expanded lifespans for people on combination medications) and possible changes in AIDS funding in the next century (with overall treatment funding more diversified, rather than entirely directed to a specific national AIDS budget). Next year's two presentations will closely follow the major AIDS conferences (in spring and fall) so that Sacramento's HIV community can be kept current on the latest HIV information.

Circumcision affecting HIV rates in Africa...

Circumcision can reduce the risk of HIV infection by at least half, according to results of over 40 studies in two African cities. It may also be the cause of the prevalence of HIV in some regions of Africa, where as many as 80 percent of men are not circumcised. But the idea of promoting circumcision as an intervention against HIV has been resisted, mostly because of cultural obstacles. There is also a need for resources and training to make the procedure safe and more widely available.

Doctor loses \$500,000 test suit...

A judge in Australia has found a doctor guilty of negligence for not recommending that a straight male patient

with hepatitis B and a history of recurrent viral illnesses be tested for HIV. A woman who contracted HIV in 1993 from the patient was awarded \$500,000 (U.S. dollars) plus medication costs and interest. The judge noted that, while the physician could not force the man to be tested, he most likely would have been tested if the doctor had provided appropriate counseling.

Dementia linked to brain infection...

Post-mortem studies on 10 people who had shown evidence of encephalitis have found that HIV infection of specific parts of the brain (monocytes, macrophages, and microglia) may play a pivotal role in the development of HIV dementia complex. These results could lead to the development of better therapy in the future. The research is being conducted at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Urine tests prove effective...

Urine samples are an accurate test for screening for HIV, say researchers at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, and is easier and safer than blood testing because there are no needles. The study, which took place in Uganda, involved 222 adults between the ages of 15 and 59.

HIV as anti-cancer tool...

HIV may be used in the future to fight cancerous tumors that resist chemotherapy, suggest researchers at the University of Rochester Medical Center in New York. The scientists hope to learn how to tame the HIV gene, which killed every tumor when tested in lab tests.

Virus racing through Russia...

Russian health officials say 21,572 HIV infections have been recorded in the country, with 9,416 new cases recorded in the first nine months of this year. Russia is experiencing more than 100 new HIV infections in Moscow every day (many of them drug-resistant strains), about 450,000 new cases of syphilis in the past year, and a high rate of tuberculosis. Disease, poor health, and low birth rates could cut the Russian population from 146 million

now to 100 million by 2050, according to a researcher at George Washington University. The Russian Central Bureau of Epidemiology has predicted there will be 2 million cases of HIV and AIDS in the country by 2002, estimating that the number of infections would start to seriously affect mortality rates in about 10 years.

Abbott Labs fined \$100 Million...

Abbott Laboratories is being fined \$100 million because of manufacturing problems involved in its diagnostic tests, being given 30 days by the Food and Drug Administration to stop selling 125 of their tests. FDA says the company can continue assays for screening blood donors for blood-borne diseases like HIV and hepatitis, and noted that there has been no indication the donor-screening tests are ineffective. According to FDA, this is the largest penalty paid by a regu-

lated firm for a civil violation of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

FDA panel won't recommend proposed therapy...

Safety concerns have led an FDA drug panel to recommend that the agency not give Gilead Sciences permission to market adefovir, a new AIDS therapy intended for use in people experiencing resistance to existing drugs. A number of the 214 people in clinical trials developed kidney damage, requiring some individuals to undergo dialysis. Gilead Sciences will likely now halt research on adefovir and focus more on tenofovir, which is similar but not linked to any serious side effects.

Major groups back access to sterile syringes...

In an effort to prevent further transmission of blood-borne diseases, five national

health organizations have called on state health leaders to work together to address the issue of access to sterile syringes. The American Medical Association, the American Pharmaceutical Association, the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, and the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors are also calling for joint state-level action to lower the legal and regulatory barriers that limit access to sterile syringes in most states. The U.S. Public Health Service said two years ago that drug users who continue to inject should use a new sterile syringe each time, with the most reliable source for obtaining the syringes being a pharmacist.

Most Asians don't know they're infected...

An Australian university researcher concludes that most HIV-infected individuals

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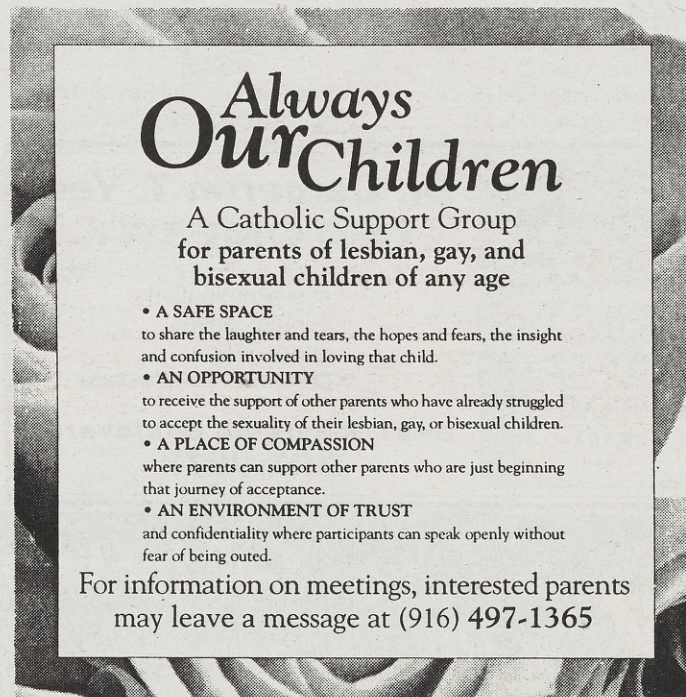
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HIV/AIDS

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in Asia and the Pacific have not been tested and are not aware of their HIV status. Additionally, he notes, fear of harm either to themselves or to their families has kept many of those who do know they are infected from saying anything about it. A United Nations scientist estimates that more than 7 million people in the Pacific region have HIV or AIDS.

Piot said there are high rates of infection in China, Cambodia, India, and other countries; however, he also cited Thailand as an example of success, noting that the country's aggressive prevention campaign resulted in declines in HIV prevalence among pregnant women and young males in the military. ▼

Hidden HIV resurfaces to defeat cure...

In two volunteers receiving interleukin-2 plus highly active anti-retroviral therapy (HAART combination therapy) in a study to try to completely rid the body of HIV, the virus rebounded when treatment was stopped, despite the fact that their blood had tested as clear of HIV after culture tests of 330 million cells. According to Dr. Anthony Fauci, director

of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the findings indicate that some HIV continues to lurk in reservoirs within the body, out of the reach of anti-HIV drugs. The volunteers started taking HAART again, and their virus levels quickly returned to undetectable levels, Fauci said. ▼

Still too much \$...

Despite Glaxo Wellcome's offer of a 70 percent discount on the price of the anti-HIV drug AZT, hospitals in South Africa are hesitant to start people on the therapy because the cost is still far too high for most of the 3 million people there infected with HIV. In addition, Glaxo also linked the price to the dollar, meaning that the price goes up significantly when the value of the South African rand falls, according to that country's Health Minister. ▼

New drug for cocktail looks promising...

A 48-week, double-blind study of 162 people tested a drug cocktail involving Triangle Pharmaceuticals' non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor (NNRTI), Coactinon.

The therapy, which also included d4T and 3TC, was found to significantly suppress HIV replication. After 24 weeks, 83 percent of those given the combination therapy had undetectable levels of the virus. Some experienced mild side effects, such as nausea, headache, dizziness, diarrhea, and rash. ▼

Sex education...

A new study from the Kaiser Foundation supports the need to give teens reliable information about how to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). According to the report, 54 percent of high school students said they would not know what to do about a rape, 51 percent would not know where to go to get tested for HIV or an STD, and 46 percent were not aware that they can obtain birth control pills without parental approval. ▼

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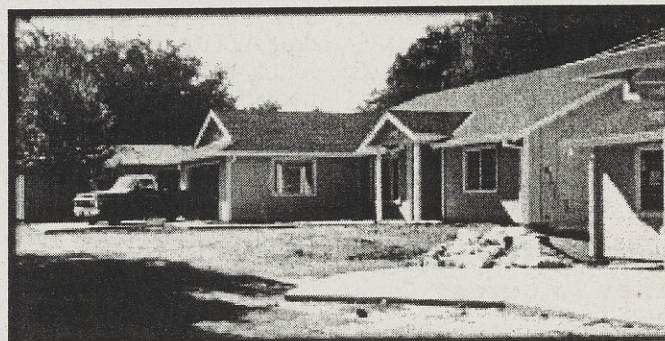
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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Expanding Time-Frame, Meaning Of Thanksgiving Can Boost Wellness

By Jeffrey Chernin, Ph.D.
Guest Writer

Thanksgiving, the time of year when we should be reflecting back on all that we have to be thankful for. But first, here's the modern definition of Thanksgiving. A time when a mad dash is made to be with our families of origin, overeat, listen to someone at the table pontificating about the real reason for Thanksgiving, endure reworked stories, or the unfortunate creation of new ones, and then sigh in relief as we make our way home. With this being the last Thanksgiving of the millennium, as a part of the new way of looking at Thanksgiving, we can be grateful that we made it to see the end of this millennium.

First keep in mind all the things for which the LGBT community have to be thankful for. Let's take a look at where we were, say, ten or fifteen years ago and where we are today. Ten years ago, we had a president who didn't utter the word "AIDS" during his entire time as president of the United States. Today we have a president, who realizes that as a society we must be compassionate toward people with AIDS and must continue the fight toward eradicating the disease. Ten years ago, there was very little hope for extending the lives of people with HIV. Today, rates of dying from AIDS has dropped precipitously due to the ever-expanding array of AIDS drugs.

Back then, our selectively mute president was hostile to our community, making not one openly gay governmental appointment. Today, we have a president who has made overtures toward the LGBT commu-

nity, soliciting our support, speaking to our groups, and making governmental appointments to open LGBT individuals. Ten years ago, Wisconsin had yet to become the first state ratify its anti-discrimination laws. Today, there are an increasing number of states, which have anti-discrimination laws. In the state of California, statewide domestic partnership, public school protection, and inclusion in employment and housing laws were recently enacted, making California the most progressive state in the country. May the late autumn winds blow the trend east. We also have the San Francisco law, which requires companies who do business with the city to be inclusive of domestic partnerships. After the businesses which, were forced to comply started to do so, other businesses voluntarily followed suit. Also there is increasing number of municipalities and universities which do not tolerate discrimination and provide domestic partnership coverage.

Friends, Family, Health, Clothes, Food, A place to live, A decent job. There is so much to be grateful for, which brings us back to expanding the timeframe for Thanksgiving. Form now until the end of the year, join in on writing down three to five things that you are grateful for in a journal. Note your current outlook. At the beginning of next year, go back and look up your pre-holiday state of mind. See if taking less than 30 seconds a day has made a difference. I'll let you know if it has made a difference for me, and can then decide whether or not to keep going into the next millennium.

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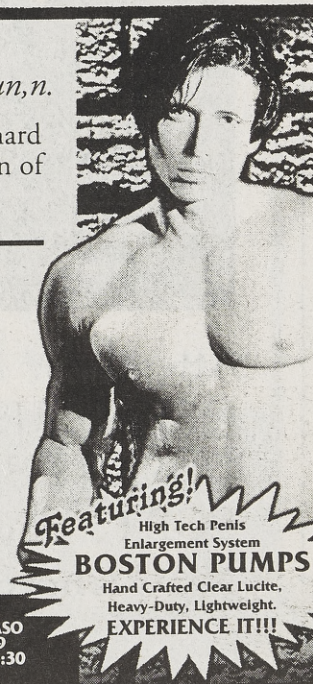
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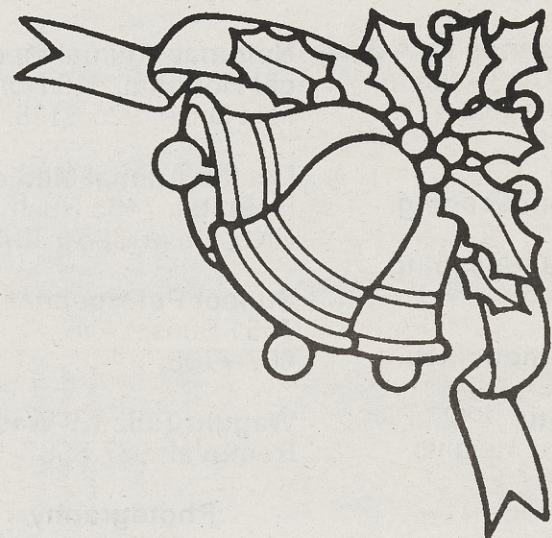
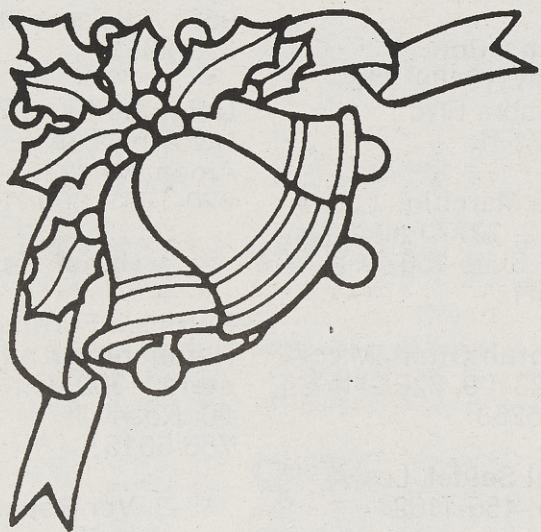


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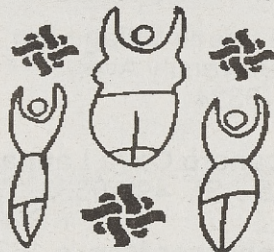
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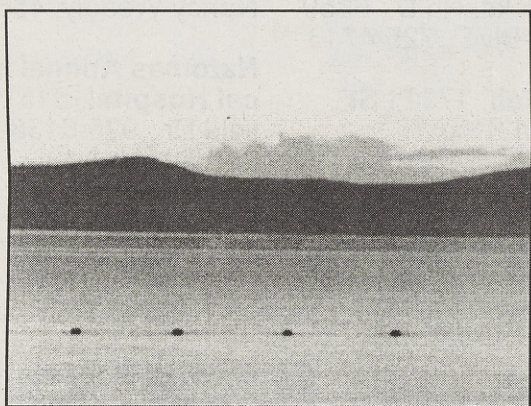
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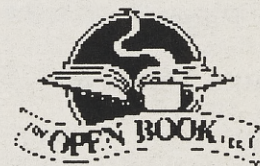
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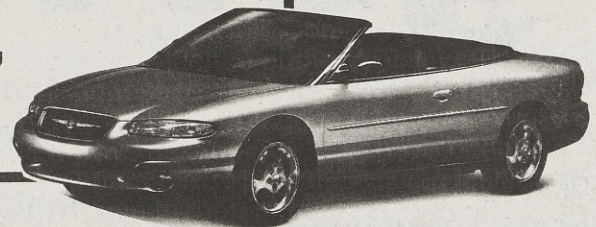
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